

*The following is a checklist to help you gather relevant records, history, and other information your attorney will need.*

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- A chronological list of key events that led to the injury.
- A list of persons who were present or who spoke to any of the health care providers.
- A statement about how and when you first became aware that there may have been inappropriate treatment.

### **THE DOCTOR**

- The names of all doctors and hospitals involved.
- The name of the doctor or doctors' professional practice(s).

### **YOUR MEDICAL HISTORY**

- Your brief medical history.
- A list of all medications prescribed.
- A statement of what you were told by the doctor or the hospital about your treatment.
- A copy of medical records from:
  - From the treating doctor.
  - From the hospital (this should include the entire chart, not just a summary).

### **BIRTH INJURY**

If this is a *birth injury* case:

- Your prenatal records.
- Records from other pregnancies and deliveries.
- Your labor and delivery records.
- The fetal monitor strip.
- The baby's newborn records.
- The pediatrician's records.
- Reports of any radiology studies such as MRI or CAT scans.
- All records relating to any testing done on the child.

### **DEATH**

If this is a *death* case:

- A copy of the autopsy report.

If you cannot obtain these records, your attorney can for you.