## Mother/Daughter Questionnaire

# **GROWING AND CHANGING (2)**

There are important changes to a girl's body that can happen even as early as 6 or as late as 20. At this time in life we have some questions we need to ask and which we would appreciate hearing about.

This questionnaire can be filled in by either mother or daughter. As always, if you don't want to answer a question, put a line through it.

Your answers will of course be kept in confidence and not attached to your name

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

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#### **SECTION A: PERIODS AND PROBLEMS**

| A1.             | What is your daughter's height (without shoes)? The best way to measure <b>height</b> is to ask your daughter to stand barefoot as straight as possible against a wall, to make a mark on the wall at the highest point on the child's head and to measure the distance from the mark on the floor. |  |  |  |
|-----------------|---|--|--|--|
|                 | feet inches OR metres centimetres   |  |  |  |
| A2.             | What is your daughter's weight (without shoes)? Please fill in using kilos or stones.   |  |  |  |
|                 | stones pounds <b>OR</b> kilos   |  |  |  |
| A3.             | In the past month, what was the average number of times that your daughter participated in <b>vigorous</b> physical activity (such as running, dance, gymnastics, netball, swimming, or aerobics)?  |  |  |  |
|                 | none 1  |  |  |  |
|                 | less than once a week   |  |  |  |
|                 | 1-3 times a week  |  |  |  |
|                 | 4-6 times a week 4  |  |  |  |
|                 | daily   |  |  |  |
| A4.             | Has your daughter started her menstrual periods yet?  |  |  |  |
|                 | Yes $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}$ No $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \end{bmatrix}$ If $\underline{\mathbf{no}}$ , please go to A10 on page 4  |  |  |  |
| If <u>yes</u> , |   |  |  |  |
|                 | a) How <b>old</b> was your daughter when she had her first period?  |  |  |  |
|                 | years old   |  |  |  |

| A5. | When was her first period?  |
|-----|---|
|     | month year  |
| A6. | a) In the <b>past year</b> , how many <b>days of bleeding</b> has your daughter <u>usually</u> had during each of her periods?  days don't know 99  |
|     | b) If you <b>don't know</b> , is it probably:  3 days or less   4-6 days   7 days or more   3   |
| A7. | In the past year, what was the <b>usual length</b> of your daughter's menstrual cycle? In other words, how many days were there from the <b>first day of one period to the first day of the next period?</b> days  don't know  99 |
| A8. | Has your daughter <b>ever</b> had any of the following <b>symptoms</b> associated with <b>her period</b> ?  |
|     | a) Heavy or prolonged <b>bleeding</b>   |
|     | Yes $\underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$   |
|     | (i) Did you contact her doctor for this?  Yes   No   2  |

| A8.  | Severe <b>cramps</b> with her period? |   |  |  |
|------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
|      |                                       | Yes $1$ No $2$ If <u>yes</u> ,  |  |  |
|      |                                       |   |  |  |
|      |                                       | i) Did you contact her doctor for this?   |  |  |
|      |                                       | Yes No 2  |  |  |
|      | c)                                    | Period-type pains or pain in her <b>pelvic</b> area (lower part of her tummy) for most days of the month even when she is not bleeding?   |  |  |
|      |                                       | Yes No 2  |  |  |
|      |                                       | ▼<br>If <u>ves</u> ,  |  |  |
|      |                                       | i) Did you contact her doctor for this?   |  |  |
|      |                                       | Yes No 2  |  |  |
|      | -                                     | f girls have problems with their periods e.g. heavy bleeding, irregular bleeding ps, their GP may prescribe the oral contraceptive pill (which can be called 'hormone' or 'oestrogen pills') to help. |  |  |
| A9.  | -                                     | Has your daughter taken oral contraceptives or birth control pills, for any reason during the past 12 months?   |  |  |
|      |                                       | Yes No 2  |  |  |
| A10. | a)                                    | Has a doctor ever told your daughter that she had a <b>thyroid problem</b> or asked her to take thyroid medicine or treatment?  |  |  |
|      |                                       | Yes No 2  |  |  |
|      | If <u>yes</u> ,                       |   |  |  |
|      | b)                                    | What kind of thyroid problem did the doctor say she had?  |  |  |
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#### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We would like to assess the stage of your daughter's physical development using the drawings on the next pages. These indicate various stages of puberty commonly used by doctors to assess the growth and development of girls.

We need to know which drawings most closely match your daughter's stage of development at the moment.

Not all children follow the same pattern of development.

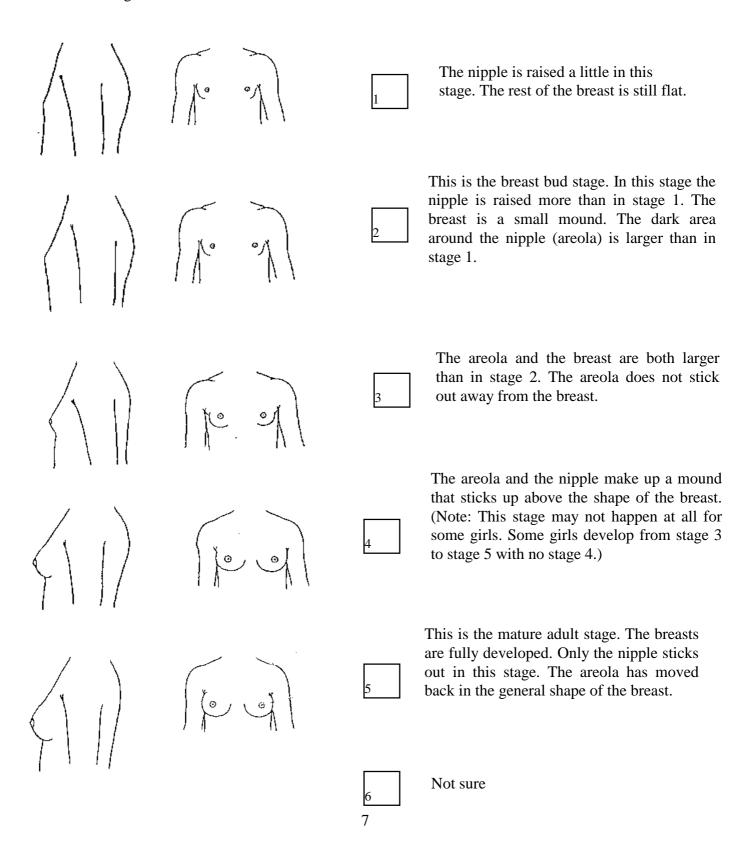
Just pick the stage that is closest, based on both the picture and the description.

| If there are any additional comments about your daughter's physical growth and development that you would like to make, then please do so here: |  |  |  |  |  |
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#### **SECTION B**

The drawings below show stages of the way the **breasts** develop. A girl can go through each of the five stages shown, although some girls skip some stages. Please look at each of the drawings. It is also important to read the descriptions.

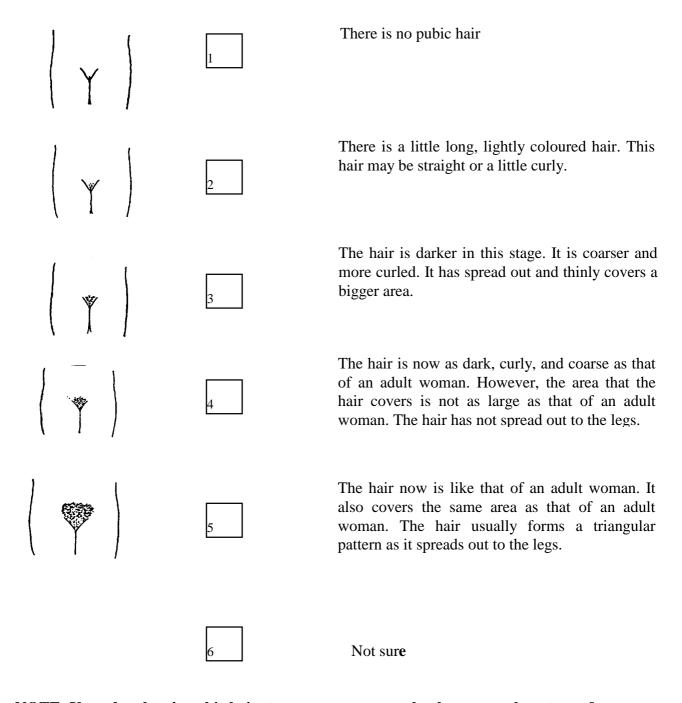
Put a tick in the box to the right of the drawing that is **closest** to your daughter's current breast stage.



#### **SECTION C**

The drawings below show different amounts of **female pubic hair**. A girl can go through each of the five stages shown. Please look at each of the drawings. It is also important to read the descriptions.

Put a tick in the box to the right of the drawing that is the closest to the amount of pubic hair your daughter has.



NOTE: Your daughter's pubic hair stage may or may not be the same as her stage of breast development.

### SECTION D

| D1.  | This questionnaire was completed by: (tick all that apply)         |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | a) mother  | 1                                       |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | b) daughter  | 1                                       |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | c) other (please tick<br>and describe)                             | 1                                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| D2.  | 2. Please give the date on which you completed this questionnaire: |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | day month  | year                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| D3.  | D3. Please give the date of birth of your daughter:                |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | day month  | year<br>199                             |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | THANK YOU  | VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP                 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Space for any additional comments you would like to make           |   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Please remember we cannot reply to any comment unless you sign i   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | When complete  | ed, please return the questionnaire to: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professor Jean Golding Children of the Nineties - ALSPAC Institute of Child Health 24 Tyndall Avenue Bristol BS8 1BR Tel: Bristol 928 5096 or 928 5611 (for this questionnaire only) |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
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