There is much to address in the well child visit for all children. Below are some suggestions for domains pertinent to children with autism.

This list is by no means comprehensive, and not all topics may need to be addressed for each child, but having a sense of how each child is functioning in these domains will help you promote their success. Use quicktext: ASD_WCE in Micart for HPI.

1 Social/Communication

For older children, questions to ask children:
• Who are your friends?
• What do they like to do with your friends?
• Do you see them outside of school?

For younger children, questions to ask children directly but also include parents:
• Are they interested in other children?
• How do they play together?
• Are they in social skills groups or ABA therapy?
• How do children communicate their needs (verbally, through pointing, using their parents hands)?
• Are they receiving any Speech/Language supports in school or privately?

2 Emotion/Sensory

Questions to ask:
• Are there any meltdowns in the home/school?
• What might prompt them (they may be occurring around transitions)?
• Are there any sensory aversions?

3 School/Services

Is your patient making gains?

Questions to ask:
• Has the school notified you of any behavioral concerns?
• Is your child making gains and progress academically?
• What are IEP supports in place?
• Are they receiving ABA therapy, OT, SLP, or social skills groups? How is progress with these?
• Are you receiving SSI and/or FMLA to enable you to engage in these services?

Tips:
• Talk to schools--write letter for IEP
• Refer for ABA, OT, SLP, Social skills. Autism Alliance of Michigan has a list of ABA centers.
• Refer to SW for SSI/FMLA.

4 Activities of daily living

How is your patient acquiring their life skills and independence?

Questions to ask:
• Are you able to go to the grocery and get out of the house?
• How is toileting and personal hygiene going?

Tips:
• If this is a challenge, the ABA team may be able to build outings into their goals.
• Toileting and personal hygiene similarly can be goals that the ABA team include.