



We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.

We firmly believe in the safety of our vaccines.

We firmly believe that all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

We firmly believe, based on all available literature, evidence and current studies, that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

We firmly believe that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health promoting intervention we perform as health providers, and that you can perform as parents/caregivers.

Vaccines are so effective at preventing illness that most parents have never seen a child with polio, tetanus, whooping cough, bacterial meningitis or even chickenpox, or known a friend or family member whose child died of one of these diseases. Unfortunately, such success can make us complacent about vaccinating. But such an attitude, if it becomes widespread, can lead to tragic results and the reemergence of preventable diseases.

We want to emphasize the importance of vaccinating your child. We recognize that the choice may be a very emotional one, and, for some parents, even controversial. We will do everything we can to convince you that vaccinating according to the schedule is the right thing to do. However, should you have doubts, please discuss these with your healthcare provider in advance of your visit. In some cases, we may alter the schedule to accommodate parental concerns or reservations. Please be advised, however, that delaying or "breaking up vaccines" to give one or two at a time over two or more visits goes against expert recommendations, and can put your child at risk for serious illness (or even death) and goes against our medical advice at Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine. Such additional visits will require additional co-pays on your part.

Please recognize that by not vaccinating you are putting your child at unnecessary risk for life threatening illness and disability, and even death.

As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating children on schedule is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and young adults. Thank you for your time in reading this policy, and please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of us.