

## **Doc PAM Vaccine Policy**

My practice is based on science and evidence-based medicine. This is a philosophy that will be consistent throughout the medical care that is provided to your child.

I want what is best for each and every patient. However, I also have the responsibility of thinking beyond each individual. My staff and other patients need to have confidence they are coming to a safe environment where they will not be exposed to preventable disease. Further, I do not want anyone to suffer the consequences of exposure or not being adequately protected.

I will always recommend complying 100% with the schedule published by the CDC and AAP. This schedule is based on science, age-appropriate risks for disease, and YEARS of studies on safety and efficacy of each vaccine given both alone and in combination.

Any variation of this schedule is *simply not the standard of care*, and has not been studied for safety and efficacy.

The only time your child would NOT receive a vaccine on the recommended schedule would be in the scenario of a **MEDICAL** contraindication.

NO vaccines are considered "optional."

<u>IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO FOLLOW \*THIS SCHEDULE</u>, there will be certain requirements that you must adhere to for your child's safety, well-being, and that of others in our practice. If you have concerns about vaccines, or are not wanting to fully vaccinate your child, a **VACCINE CONSULT** <u>must</u> be scheduled for the purpose of education and hopefully a compromise on an individualized schedule for your child. This **MUST be done BEFORE your child's 2-month visit**, or within 30 days of transferring to our practice.

If you choose NOT to follow the recommended vaccine schedule (or your child's agreed-upon individualized schedule), you will be asked to find a new primary care doctor.

Immunizations are a way to prevent possibly catastrophic consequences of vaccine-preventable diseases.

We want your child to remain happy, healthy and developing on course.

\*The schedule we use in our office at DOC PAM