

VACCINE POLICY STATEMENT

We believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent illness and to save lives. We believe that all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Center for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies, we believe in the safety of our vaccines. Research has proven that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities. The recommended vaccines and their schedule are the result of years of scientific study and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.

Should you have doubts, please discuss them with Dr. Mahoney or Dr. Garcia-Perez at your visit. Please be advised that delaying or “breaking up” vaccines goes against expert recommendations and can put your child at risk for serious illness.

Finally, if you should choose not to vaccinate your child we will ask you to find another physician who shares your philosophy of medicine.

Check up & Immunization Schedule

Dr. Mahoney agrees with the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations for Well Child Visits/Check-ups.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Newborn visit	48-72 hours after discharge for weight check and feeding issues
1 Week	Weight check/Feeding issues
1 Month	Weight check, Hep B
2 Months	Check-up/ Pentacel (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio , Haemophilus Influenza), Pneumococcal, Hepatitis B, Rotovirus
4 Months	Check-up/ Pentacel (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio , Haemophilus Influenza), Pneumococcal , Rotovirus
6 Months	Check-up/ Pentacel (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio , Haemophilus Influenza), Pneumococcal, Hepatitis B, Rotovirus
9 Months	Check-up, growth and development, catch up on any delayed vaccines
12 Months	Check-up/Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Chickenpox, Hepatitis A, Lead Screen, Hemoglobin
15 Months	Check-up/ Pentacel (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio , Haemophilus Influenza B), Pneumococcal
18 Months	Check-up/Autism screening, Hepatitis A
2 Years	Check-up/Autism screening, lead screen, Hemoglobin
3 Years	Check-up/growth and development
4 Years	Check-up/ Pentacel (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Haemophilus Influenza B), Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Chickenpox
5 Years	Check-up/Hematocrit, catch up on any delayed boosters

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6-10 Years	Yearly check-up
11-12 Years	Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis), Meningococcal, Chickenpox #2, catch up: may start Human Papillomavirus series
13-18 Years	Yearly check-ups and recommended booster vaccines
Yearly	Flu shots for >6 months prior to flu Season (available in October)

OUR STAFF

Practice Administrator – Karen Fritz R.N.
Office Manager – Cheri Roper

OFFICE HOURS

Our office is open:
Weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday sick visits: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

For unexpected emergencies and acute illnesses, Dr. Mahoney and Dr. Garcia-Perez will be available weekends and on call evenings and holidays.

We also recommend “After Hours Pediatrics” which is located on the southwest corner of Lantana Rd. and Jog Rd. in Lake Worth and Palms West Hospital for emergencies.