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Vaccine Policy Statement

One of the most important services we can provide to our patients is vaccinations against life threatening diseases.

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 (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

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 vaccinations may be the single most important intervention we perform as health care providers and the most important health intervention that you choose for your children. The recommended vaccines and the published schedule are the results of years of scientific study and accumulation of data on millions of children by the brightest scientist and physicians in our country.

Our policy is that:

- We adhere to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Immunization Guidelines.
- Because we are committed to protecting the health of your children, we require all of our patients to be vaccinated.
- We do not follow “alternative schedules”. Any parent who refuses to adhere to the AAP recommended vaccine schedule may be discharged from our practice following a 30-day written notice.
- If you refuse to vaccinate your child despite all our efforts, we will ask you to find another healthcare provider who shares your views. Please recognize that by not vaccinating, you are putting your child and others around you at unnecessary risk for life threatening illness/disability and even death.
- We understand that the choice to vaccinate may be a very emotional decision for some parents. We will do everything we can to educate you that vaccinating according to the recommend schedule is the best thing you can do for your child.

We will gladly address any additional items you would like to discuss on an individual basis.

Sincerely,



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Medical Director