Children's Clinic Vaccine Policy Statement

Children'sClinic strivestoprovide comprehensive,compassionate and high quality healthcare to all of our patients and families.

We at Children's Clinic strongly believe in the importance of immunizations and their role in the health of all children. We strongly agree with the recommended schedule of immunizations as established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As medical professionals, we feel that vaccinating children following the recommended schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and young adults.

- 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 Centers for Disease Control 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 vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as health care providers, and that you can perform as parents/caregivers.

Our policy is that:

- We adhere to the CDC/AAP Immunization Guidelines.
- Because we are committed to protecting the health of all children, we require all patients to be vaccinated, unless there is a medical contraindication.
- We will not accept new patients whose parents choose not to vaccinate their children.
- Parents of newborns will be given until the 4 month checkup to initiate vaccines. If vaccines are not initiated by that time, parents will be required to find another pediatric health care provider within 30 days of being informed of the policy in writing.

- We do not recommend alternative schedules. Children must receive their primary series of vaccines by age 2 and all vaccines required for school by age 6. If vaccines are not done by those ages, patients will be required to find another pediatric health care provider within 30 days of being informed of the policy in writing.

We acknowledge that the decision to vaccinate your child is a personal one and respect your family's decision-making. We are happy to answer your questions and discuss the safety and efficacy of the vaccines.

We encourage any parent who wants to learn more to visit the following websites with reliable, scientific information to explain all aspects of vaccines – from manufacturing, to how they work to protect children, to data regarding safety and efficacy.

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.

Find vaccine education here:

American Academy of Pediatrics Dedicated to the health of all children. Its website provides reliable and authoritative advice on a variety of child health issues, including immunizations.

Vaccines and Immunizations | CDC Provides complete, up-to-date and reliable information about vaccines.

All About the Recommended Immunization Schedules - HealthyChildren.org Discusses recommended pediatric immunization schedules and addresses common questions parents have about vaccines.

Immunize.org Creates and distributes educational materials about the delivery of safe and effective immunization services.

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