



## DOWNERS GROVE PEDIATRICS VACCINE PHILOSOPHY

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, based on all available literature, evidence and current studies, that vaccines and their preservatives including thimerosal (which has been removed from most childhood vaccines) do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

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. This is the only schedule recommended. Alternative schedules have not been evaluated. Delaying or splitting up the 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. Such additional visits will be scheduled as available with our providers and will require additional co-pays on your part.

We firmly believe that vaccinating children and young adults is the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as health care providers, and that you can perform as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and vaccine schedule are the result of years of scientific study and data gathered about millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.


As of November 1, 2016 Downers Grove Pediatrics does not accept new patients who do not vaccinate or who do not initiate and complete vaccines in a timely manner in a way congruent with CDC and AAP schedules by the age of 2.

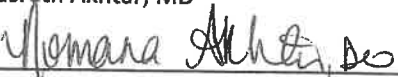
We will do everything we can to provide education and information that vaccinating according to the schedule is the appropriate thing to do. If despite our recommendations, you feel you cannot follow the CDC and AAP recommendations for these vaccines, we will ask you to find another health care provider who shares your views. We do not keep a list of such providers. Please recognize that by not vaccinating, you are putting your child at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness and disability, even death.

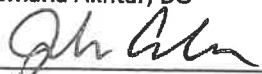
As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating children on schedule with currently available vaccines is the absolute right thing to do for all children and young adults. Thank you for your time in reading our philosophy and policy and please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns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


Sincerely,

**DOWNERS GROVE PEDIATRICS, LTD.**

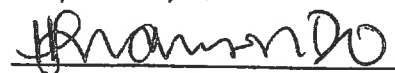
  
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