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Well Child Care (Checkup) & Immunization Schedules

Based upon recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures initiative, our physicians typically recommend regular checkups following the schedule below. An individual patient's checkup schedule may vary depending upon his or her clinical situation and other factors. Our physicians also recommend following the immunization schedule developed by the AAP and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Page two of this document contains our physicians' typical immunization schedules.

Checkups focus on preventive care such as physical examinations, screenings, and providing vaccinations. They help assess your child's health and progress at each stage of their development, may assist in the prevention or early diagnosis of health problems, and reinforce the relationship you and your child have with your pediatrician. A regular relationship with your pediatrician fosters better communication and understanding about your child's health, personality, temperament, and your family's approach to parenting and healthcare issues.

Checkup Schedule

Checkup Age	Additional Information
2-5 days after hospital discharge	For home births, we schedule a checkup as early as possible after birth.
2 weeks	
2 months	See Immunization Schedule for recommended vaccinations.
4 months	See Immunization Schedule for recommended vaccinations.
6 months	See Immunization Schedule for recommended vaccinations.
9 months	
12 months	See Immunization Schedule for recommended vaccinations.
15 months	See Immunization Schedule for recommended vaccinations.
18 months	See Immunization Schedule for recommended vaccinations. Please allow at least 180 days (6 months) between this 18 month checkup and the 12 month checkup to accommodate vaccinations.
2 years	
Annually thereafter	See Immunization Schedule for recommended vaccinations at 4, 12, and 16 years of age.

Immunization Schedule

Based upon the recommendations of the CDC’s Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), our physicians typically follow the immunization schedule in the table below. An individual patient’s immunization schedule may vary depending upon his or her clinical situation and other factors.

Checkup	Dr. Althoff	Dr. Clark	Dr. Tatem	Dr. Zucker
2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pediarix (Dose 1 of 3): DTaP, Hepatitis B, IPV • HIB (Dose 1 of 3) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevnar (Dose 1 of 4): Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13) • Rotarix (Dose 1 of 2): Rotavirus 	
4 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pediarix (Dose 2 of 3) • HIB (Dose 2 of 3) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevnar (Dose 2 of 4) • Rotarix (Dose 2 of 2) 	
6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pediarix (Dose 3 of 3) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevnar (Dose 3 of 4) 	
12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatitis A (Dose 1 of 2) • Prevnar (Dose 4 of 4) • HIB (Dose 3 of 3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatitis A (Dose 1 of 2) • MMRV (Dose 1 of 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatitis A (Dose 1 of 2) • Prevnar (Dose 4 of 4) • MMRV (Dose 1 of 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatitis A (Dose 1 of 2) • Prevnar (Dose 4 of 4) • Varicella (Dose 1 of 2)
15 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTaP • MMR (Dose 1 of 2) • Varicella (Dose 1 of 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTaP • Prevnar (Dose 4 of 4) • HIB (Dose 3 of 3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTaP • HIB (Dose 3 of 3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTaP • MMR (Dose 1 of 2) • HIB (Dose 3 of 3)
18 or 24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatitis A (Dose 2 of 2) 			
4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinrix: DTaP, IPV 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMRV (Dose 2 of 2) 	
12 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boostrix: Tdap • Menactra (Dose 1 of 2): Meningococcal 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardasil (Dose 1 of 3): HPV 	
16 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menactra (Dose 2 of 2) 			
Annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenza 			

Abbreviations:

- DTaP:** Diphtheria, tetanus & acellular pertussis
- HIB:** Haemophilus Influenza type B
- HPV:** Human Papilloma Virus
- IPV:** Inactivated Polio Virus
- MMR:** Measles, mumps, rubella
- MMRV:** Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella
- Tdap:** Tetanus, diphtheria & acellular pertussis

Information for Scheduling Immunizations:

- Pediarix: there should be a minimum of six weeks between the 1st and 2nd doses. Patient should be at least 6 months of age for the 3rd dose and there should be a minimum of eight weeks between the 2nd and 3rd doses.
- Hepatitis A, MMRV, MMR, and Varicella: the 1st doses should not be given before 12 months of age.
- Hepatitis A: there should be a minimum of 180 days (6 months) between the 1st and 2nd doses. Thus, if the second dose is to be given at the 18 month checkup, there must be 180 days between the 18 month and 12 month checkups.
- Gardasil: the 2nd dose should be given 4-8 weeks after the 1st dose; the 3rd dose should be given approximately 6 months after the 1st dose.
- Rotarix, Menactra, Gardasil, and Influenza: are not required by state daycare or schools, but are highly recommended.
- The scheduling requirements listed above are those which most commonly cause conflicts or require additional office visits, however, other requirements and limitations apply to immunizations. Additional information may be obtained from the CDC’s Vaccine Information Statements (VIS), the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services School Immunization Requirements website, the AAP and ACIP websites, or by speaking with your physician.