



### **Physician's to Children Vaccine Policy Statement**

We firmly believe that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as Pediatricians and that you can perform as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and their schedule are the results of decades of scientific study and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of bright, caring, and compassionate scientists and physicians.

We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and save lives. We firmly believe in the safety of our vaccines and their components.

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 developmental disabilities. We firmly believe that the components and preservatives used in vaccines for decades do not cause developmental, immune, or other medical disabilities.

Over the past several years, many people have chosen not to vaccinate their children due to misguided concerns regarding autism and potential adverse reactions. As a result of under-immunization, there have been outbreaks nationwide and worldwide of measles, mumps, and whooping cough. These outbreaks have resulted in unnecessary and preventable deaths.

We recognize that parents have many decisions to make regarding their child's medical care. We will do everything we can to protect your child's health as they grow and develop. A vital part of your child's health relies upon following the most up to date vaccine schedule. Should you have any questions about vaccines, please discuss these with your health care provider in advance of your visit. We do not "break up vaccines" into their components nor do we endorse "alternate" or delayed vaccine schedules. Delaying vaccines to give one or two at a time goes against expert recommendations and leaves your child and other children at risk for infection. Furthermore, should you decide to refuse or significantly delay vaccines for your child, this may result in dismissal from Physicians to Children.

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