

## Premiere Pediatrics Vaccine Policy

Premiere Pediatrics believes that all children and adolescents should receive the recommended vaccines published by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics. There is no documented medical research that links vaccines to any developmental disabilities. Based on all relevant studies, vaccines and the preservatives in them, are safe and effective in preventing serious illnesses. The recommended vaccines are the results of years of scientific study and their effectiveness in preventing diseases is well- documented.

Our providers feel strongly that vaccinating on schedule is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and adolescents. We realize for some parents, the choice to vaccinate or not is an emotional one. As well, some parents prefer to delay vaccines rather than proceed with the AAP recommended time schedule. Although we believe in vaccinating all children, our office does not discharge patients when a parent chooses to make a different choice regarding vaccinations.

Premiere Pediatrics **requires** well child exams for all children and adolescents. We also **require** the caregiver to receive the education regarding recommended vaccines which are due at that time. Should a parent decline to vaccinate or choose an alternative vaccination schedule, we **require** a signature on form HE0342 from the American Academy of Pediatrics. If a parent does not agree with any statement on form HE0342, that statement may be struck out by the caregiver at that time. Our intentions are to educate the parents and to verify to certain insurance companies that their vaccine educational requirements are met. As well, should your child become a victim of a vaccine-preventable disease, we have record of that decision which was made at that appointment. There is no exception to signing form HE0342 and we will not accept any other form in its place.

As always the providers at Premiere Pediatrics appreciate your patronage. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding our outlined vaccine policy.