

Parkview Physicians Group

Vaccine Policy Statement

As medical professionals, it is our goal to keep all our patients and staff members safe and healthy. We feel very strongly that vaccinating on schedule is absolutely the right thing to do to protect all children and adults. Please recognize that by not vaccinating, you are putting yourself or your child at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness and disability, and even death. It is our policy to have all our patients follow the recommended vaccine schedule.

We, the physicians of Parkview Physicians Group, support:

- effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and save lives.
- the safety of our vaccines.
- that all children and adults should receive ALL the vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- that based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies, vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.
- that vaccinating children and adults may be the single most important preventive measure we can take for overall health and well-being. The recommended vaccines and the vaccine schedule are the result of years of scientific study and data gathered on millions of children by thousands of our most educated and trained scientists and physicians.

In recent years, there has been a re-emergence of many vaccine-preventable diseases. This has been caused, in part, by families that have chosen not to vaccinate themselves or their children. This choice puts those unable to be vaccinated (whether due to age or health condition) at risk.

We are showing the importance of this information not to pressure or scare our patients, but to show why we, as physicians, strongly support vaccinations. We recognize that the decision to vaccinate can be a sensitive topic and encourage you to discuss any concerns or questions that you have with your healthcare provider.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends a certain timeline for these vaccines called a vaccine schedule. If you have concerns about the amount of vaccinations being given at one time, this timeline may be able to be altered; however, please be aware that delaying or “breaking up” the vaccines to give one or two at a time over two or more visits goes against expert recommendations. Doing so can put your child at risk for serious illness (or even death) and goes against our medical advice as providers.

If you choose not to vaccinate your child up to the age of 18 in the recommended manner, **we reserve the right to ask you to find another primary care provider.**