

We at the The Center for Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine, P.A. are dedicated to providing excellent care for our patients. We feel to do this effectively we must enter into a partnership based on mutual trust with our patients and their caregivers so that together we can achieve this goal. Recently, there has been a trend of unjustified fear of side effects from vaccines by well-meaning caregivers. We believe that immunizations are one of the most important health interventions a caregiver can do on behalf of their children, and we want all our patients to benefit from this modern lifesaving tool.

While we recognize and respect the caregivers' role as the ultimate decision maker for their child's healthcare, we believe strongly that we are obligated to deliver the best and safest healthcare possible for our patients and our community. We feel professionally uncomfortable caring for children who will not receive vaccinations. These preventable diseases can and do cause severe illness, brain damage, and death.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has an informative site about vaccines and the required vaccination schedule at www.cdc.gov/vaccines. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, one of the best children's hospitals in our demographic are, has information regarding vaccines at www.vaccine.chop.edu. We hope that you will review the accurate information about immunizations on the respected internet sites provided and consider allowing your child(ren) to receive this important protection.

As a group practice, we feel we must implement a consistent policy in regards to Parental Refusal of Immunizations. . Refusal to vaccinate indicates a significant difference of philosophy of care. We will not accept new patients that parents refuse to vaccinate according to the CDC guidelines. If you choose to vaccinate your child in accordance with the recommended CDC schedule, please call the office to schedule your child's first visit at our practice.

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