

VACCINE POLICY

Patient Name _____

Date of Birth _____

We at Pediatrics at East Cobb Health Park believe that immunizations are one of the most important medical breakthroughs in history. Vaccines are important for our children. Vaccines have saved countless lives and avoided untold suffering.

We are a pro-vaccination practice. We expect parents to immunize their children according to the official schedules agreed upon by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We do not offer non-standard or alternative schedules. In light of recent measles and whooping cough outbreaks we believe that it is unsafe to delay vaccines.

The AAP and CDC both recommend administering multiple immunizations at each visit. Multiple shots and combination vaccines are utilized for three main reasons:

1. To provide broad immunological protection when children are most vulnerable to vaccine preventable illnesses
2. To minimize the total number of shots needed.
3. To minimize the number of office visits and thus the cost to individual families and potential “anxiety” experienced by our children.

Administration of simultaneous vaccines has been extensively studied, determined to be safe and effective, and has no negative effect on a child’s immune system. In fact, the number of antigens in vaccines is tiny when compared to the millions of germs that an average child is exposed to each day.

There is NO credible scientific evidence that vaccines cause autism. Numerous scientific studies have conclusively shown that vaccines do not cause autism.

We realize that immunizations may be a worrisome subject for many parents and we will be happy to provide you with literature on the subject to answer questions you may have. However, please be aware that if parents choose not to vaccinate their children, we may not be the best practice for your family.

We look forward to working with you to provide the best care for your children.

Parent Signature

Date

Provider Signature

Date

This policy was developed by our office in 2015 and has been updated and reissued at present due to the recent outbreak of vaccine-preventable illnesses.