

BERKELEY PEDIATRIC MEDICAL GROUP

Immunization Policy

In order to uphold our practice mission--that is, to provide excellent community based pediatric health care enhancing the overall health and well-being of children and their families--the physicians and staff at Berkeley Pediatric Medical Group, Inc., strongly believe in the importance of universal immunization.

The immunization of children against a multitude of infectious agents is the most important health interventions of the 20th century. Weighing the pros and cons of immunizations and based on current medical evidence, we fully support the current complete immunization schedule.

We understand that some families may have concerns about the current schedule and may wish to use an alternate immunization schedule. While we are willing to work with these families on alternative schedules, there is no scientific evidence to support any greater safety of these schedules, and there may be increased risk to the child in delaying vaccinations. If an alternative schedule is agreed upon by the physician and family, we do ask that the primary immunization series be completed by the age of two.

Berkeley Pediatric Medical Group does not accept families who wish their children to be completely unvaccinated. This practice is against our philosophy of high quality preventive medicine.

Please discuss any concerns that you may have about immunizations with your physician. It is our intent to provide you with updated and accurate medical information about the vaccines your child receives.