



# Rainbow Pediatrics Vaccine Policy Statement

- We firmly believe in the *effectiveness* of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.
- We firmly believe in the *safety* of vaccines
- We firmly believe that all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- We firmly believe, based on all available literature, evidence and current studies, that vaccines DO NOT cause autism or other developmental disabilities.
- We firmly believe that vaccinating children & young adults may be the single most important *health-promoting intervention* we perform as health care providers, and that you perform as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and their schedule given are the results of years and years of scientific study and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.

*It is our policy* to vaccinate infants, children, and adolescents according to the recommended immunization schedule set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and the State of Florida. All patients in the practice are **REQUIRED to receive all the recommended doses of vaccines**. If you do not follow our educated recommendations and choose NOT to vaccinate your child, then we recommend that you find another health care provider who shares your views.

As of January 1, 2017 we no longer accept new patients to the practice who “refuse to vaccinate” and will be discharging current patients not following our policy as of **July 1, 2017**.

These things being said, we recognize that there has been and will likely always be controversy or apprehension surrounding vaccinations. Should you have questions, concerns, or doubts about immunizations *we encourage you to discuss* your concerns with us.

*Our priority is the health and wellbeing of our patients.* We feel strongly that vaccinating children on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do for infants, children and young adults.

## Rainbow Pediatrics Immunization Schedule

Immunization	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	9 months	12 months	15 months	18 months	2 year	4 year	11 year	12-18 year
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	Hep B #2				Hep B #3							
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)		DTaP #1	DTaP #2	DTaP #3				DTaP #4		DTaP #5		
Haemophilus influenzae (Hib)		Hib #1	Hib #2	Hib #3			Hib #4					
Inactivated Polio (IPV)		IPV #1	IPV #2	IPV #3						IPV #4		
Pneumococcal (PCV)		PCV #1	PCV #2	PCV #3			PCV #4					
Rotavirus (Rota)		Rota #1	Rota #2	Rota #3								
Hepatitis A (Hep A)						Hep A #1			Hep A #2			
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)						MMR #1				MMR #2		
Varicella (Var)						Var #1				Var #2		
Tetanus, diphtheria, Pertussis (TDaP)											TDaP	
Meningococcal Meningitis (Menactra)											Menactra #1	16yr Menactra #2
Gardasil											2 doses after age 11yr	