



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 and 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 and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All patients in the practice are REQUIRED to receive all the recommended doses of vaccines. If you absolutely refuse to vaccinate your child, we recommend that you find another health care provider who shares your views. We no longer accept new patients to the practice who "refuse to vaccinate".

These things being said, we recognize that there has been and will likely always be controversy or apprehension surrounding vaccination. Should you have questions, concerns, or doubts about immunizations *we encourage you to discuss* this with us. In some cases we may alter the recommended schedule to space out vaccination, however, delaying or breaking up the vaccines to give one or two at a time goes against our medical advice and the recommended schedule.

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.