

NORTH PINELLAS CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER VACCINE STATEMENT

We, the Pediatricians of North Pinellas Children's Medical Center, would be honored for you to choose our group to be your Children's health care provider.

We know that parents care about their children's health and we want you to know we care too. For this reason we are committed to be in compliance with the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines for immunizations. You can be confident the patients in our practice are protected against the many dangerous and potentially deadly diseases that vaccines are designed to prevent. For this reason, we follow the recommended vaccine schedule, unless there is an established medical contraindication against vaccinating.

Vaccines work. Vaccines are safe. Vaccines are necessary. Vaccines have saved millions of lives.

All vaccines are rigorously safety tested, monitored, and inspected by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); all vaccine data is reviewed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) before being officially recommended to be given to children.

There are alternative vaccine schedules you may hear and read about. Unfortunately the misrepresentation of vaccine facts are often used to scare and misinform parents. In trying to make the best decision for your child, know that there is no scientific data proving that a decision not to vaccinate or to follow an alternative vaccine schedule is safer or more effective than following the Academy guidelines.

If a parent chooses not to vaccinate their child, the pediatricians of North Pinellas Children's Medical Center may not be best suited for your pediatric needs and we would encourage you to seek medical care elsewhere. We believe we do have a moral and ethical obligation to protect the children in our practice through immunizations.