



Hinton Healthcare Group, P.C.

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 the American Academy of Pediatrics.

We firmly believe, based on all available literature and evidence, that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

We feel certain that vaccinating children and young adults is the single most important health promoting intervention we perform as health care providers and that you can perform as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and the schedule on which they are given are the results of decades of scientific study by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.

We recognize that this choice may be a very emotional one for some parents. We will do everything we can to reassure you vacating according to the schedule is the right thing to do. Should you have doubts, please discuss these with your health care provider in advance to your visit. We desire to work with you to make a decision about vaccines, however, if you should refuse to vaccinate your child, we will ask you to find another primary care practice who shares your views.

Parents who choose not to have their children vaccinated according to guidelines not only put their children at risk of getting sick, but also indirectly put other children at risk. Therefore, we feel strongly that the best way to protect the health of all children in our practice is to ensure that everyone follows the recommended schedule.

These things being said, it is precisely why vaccines are so effective at preventing illness that some question whether they should be given. Because of vaccines, many have never seen a child with polio, tetanus, whooping cough, bacterial meningitis, or even chickenpox, or known a friend or family member whose child has been infected with or even died due to one of these diseases.

As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating children on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and young adults. Thank you for your time in reading this policy, and please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of us. **We require all of our patients to be vaccinated.**

Sincerely,
Hinton Healthcare Group



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Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

We at Hinton Healthcare Group 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).

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 or other development delays. Numerous scientific studies have conclusively shown that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental delays.

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 and to answer questions you may have. However, please be aware that if parents choose not to vaccinate their children, you will be asked that you find another primary care practice. **We require all of our patients to be vaccinated.**

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

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



Hinton Healthcare Group, P.C. Vaccination Schedule

Birth – Hep B

2 Months – Pediarix, Hib, Prevnar, Rota

4 Months – Pediarix, Hib, Prevnar, Rota

6 Months – Pediarix, Hib, Prevnar, Rota

9 Months – NONE (Catch Up)

12 Months – MMR, Varivax, Prevnar

15 Months – Dtap, Hib

18 Months – *Hep A

24 Months – *Hep A #2

4 Years – Kinrix, ProQuad

11 Years – Tdap, Menactra, *Gardasil

16 Years – Menactra, *Bexsero

Yearly *FLU shot in fall starting at age 6 Months *

*Recommended but NOT required