



**HINTON HEALTHCARE GROUP, P.C.**

## **Hinton Healthcare 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. Therefore, we 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 thimerosal, a preservative that has been in vaccines for decades and remains in some vaccines, does 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 healthcare providers, and that you can perform as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and the vaccine schedule 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.**

**We advise you to vaccinate your child because we truly care about you and your family. No child should have to suffer or die from a preventable illness. We seek to educate you on the facts regarding vaccinations so you will understand the importance of choosing to vaccinate. We believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.**

**When you don't vaccinate, you take a significant risk with your child's health and the health of other around them. By not vaccinating, you also take the selfish advantage of thousands of others who do vaccinate their children, thereby decreasing the likelihood that your child will contract a vaccine-preventable disease. We feel that refusing to vaccinate is unacceptable.**

**We are making you aware of these facts not to scare you or coerce you, but to emphasize the importance of vaccinating your child. We recognize that the choice may be a very emotional one for some parents. We will do everything we can to educate you that vaccinating according to the schedule is the right thing to do.**

Because we are committed to protecting the health of your children through vaccination, **WE REQUIRE ALL OF OUR PATIENTS TO BE VACCINATED.**

If you should absolutely refuse to vaccinate your child despite all our efforts, we will ask you to find another health care provider who shares your views. We do not keep a list of such providers, nor would we recommend any such physician. Please recognize that by not vaccinating, you are putting your child at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness and disability, and even death.

As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating your child on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do to protect all children and adults. Thank you for taking the time to read this policy. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of us at Hinton Healthcare Group.

**Our vaccination schedule is:**

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