

Jupiter Family Medicine Childhood Immunization Policy

Purpose: to be sure that all of the children cared for at Jupiter Family Medicine receive all of the appropriate childhood immunizations. We firmly believe that immunizing children reduces the disease burden in the community and the benefits of vaccinating children far outweigh the risks.

Policy:

- 1. All babies will complete their infant immunizations by age 24 months as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control Child Immunization Schedule.**
- 2. If parents desire an alternate schedule:**
 - they must present a document with the planned schedule by the 2 month visit so that we can enter this documentation in the chart.**
 - the alternate schedule must be discussed with and approved by the provider.**
 - the child must complete ALL immunizations by age 24 months.**
- 3. All children ages 2-18 must be immunized with the recommended childhood immunizations (CDC childhood immunization schedule) with the exception of influenza, human papilloma virus, and Hepatitis A vaccinations. (these vaccines are still strongly recommended but their exclusion will not be a cause for dismissal from the practice)**

Implementation:

- 1. First newborn visit under one month of age and all new patients under age 18 will receive a copy of the immunization policy and this will be documented in the chart on the Pediatric Health History form.**
- 2. For parents electing not to immunize, they will need to find another provider to care for their child. If they do not immunize and refuse to transfer to another provider within 60 days of receiving a copy of this policy, they will be discharged from the practice. (see discharge policy)**

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