



Alameda Pediatric Associates

Immunization Policy

In order to uphold our practice mission – to offer our patients high – quality, compassionate and convenient care – the physicians and staff at Alameda Pediatric Associates strongly believe in the importance of universal immunization.

The immunization of children against a multitude of infectious agents is the most important health intervention of the 20th century. Weighing the pros and cons of immunizations and based on current medical evidence, we fully support the current complete immunization schedule.

We understand that some families may have concerns about the current schedule. However, there is no scientific evidence to support any greater safety of alternate schedules, and there may be increased risk to the child in delaying vaccinations. Our office policy is that all children will be vaccinated on a schedule that fits the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines. Similarly, children entering our practice after the age of two, whose vaccines are not up to date, are asked to develop a rapid catch up schedule. Families who have been allowed to use alternate schedules to this point are asked to complete all the vaccines that are due.

Alameda Pediatric Associates cannot accept families who wish their children to be completely unvaccinated, to delay the primary series, or who refuse the kindergarten or middle school vaccines. This practice does not honor our philosophy of high quality preventive medicine, or support the safety of our other patients. We respectfully ask those families to find another source of care for their children.

Please discuss any concerns that you may have about immunizations with your physician. It is our intent to provide you with updated and accurate medical information about the vaccines your child receives.