

Northwoods Pediatric Vaccine Policy

Here at Northwoods Pediatric Center, we strongly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and save lives.

We also strongly believe in the safety of our vaccines and that all children and young adults should receive the recommended vaccines according to the schedule set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Center for Disease Control.

We strongly believe, after reviewing all current and available studies, evidence, and literature that vaccines do not cause autism or developmental disabilities.

For years, scientists along with physicians have studied diseases and found vaccines that help in preventing these diseases and therefore we strongly believe that vaccinating each and every one of our patients is one of the most important services we can provide as physicians.

In recent years, there has been much controversy on the topic of vaccinating children. There have been many families that have decided against vaccinating their children and subsequently there have been outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

We feel that people tend to take these vaccines for granted because they do not see diseases like polio, whooping cough, meningitis, chicken pox, tetanus as they used to because the vaccines are doing their job in protecting our communities.

We further feel that the decision to not vaccinate is a selfish one being that thousands of other families do vaccinate their children, therefore lessening your child's chance of contracting a vaccine preventable disease.

Any doubts that you have about vaccinating your child should be directed to your child's physician at the very first visit. "Breaking up" the vaccine schedule to give one or two at a time will not be done being that this goes against expert advice and can cause serious illness and death.

Finally, if you absolutely refuse to vaccinate your child despite all our efforts, we will ask you to find another practice who shares your philosophy.

As physicians, we feel 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 with any of us.