



Prenatal Information

General Information

- Our office philosophy is that we are partnering with parents to raise happy, healthy children!
- Parents know their children better than anyone! That special knowledge, combined with years of experience and medical judgment makes the best recipe for a sound working relationship between pediatricians and parents.

Office Basics

- We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. We offer after hours appointments every day and sick visit appointments starting on Saturdays at 8:30 am.
- There are 7 pediatricians in the office:
 - Joe Neely, MD
 - Matt Yaeger, MD
 - Somer Curtis, MD
 - Karen Halsell, MD
 - Jim Watkins, MD
 - Chafen Hart, MD
 - Hillary Lewis, MD
- There are 2 Nurse Practitioners
 - Amanda Bodwell, DNP CPNP
 - Robyn Lilly, CPNP

Delivery Day

- Our pediatricians have privileges at both Baylor Medical Center (downtown Dallas) and Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.
- At the hospital, you will be asked if you have selected a pediatrician. You will give them the name of our office and your pediatrician of choice. One of our physicians will see you and your baby in the first 24 hours of life. A physician from our team will see your baby daily until he/she is discharged.
- If you deliver at a hospital other than Baylor or Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, another pediatrician will see you in the hospital and we will see you on your follow-up visits in the office.

Newborn Visits

- We will see your baby 1-2 days after discharge from the hospital and again at around 2 weeks of age. What will happen during these visits?
 - We will check your baby's weight. Your baby may lose weight initially, which is normal. However, he/she should not lose more than 10% of his/her birth weight. We expect that your baby should be back at his/her birth weight by 2 weeks of age.
 - We will also check your baby for jaundice. Bilirubin is a substance that is normally produced by our bodies. Your baby's liver is not yet able to excrete bilirubin effectively. Because of this, bilirubin builds up – this is called jaundice. Elevated bilirubin in the blood causes the jaundice (or yellow appearance of your baby's skin/eyes). Some babies have higher levels of jaundice for a variety of reasons. Feeding your baby frequently to ensure adequate stooling can help with the jaundice, as bilirubin is excreted in the stool.
- After your 2 week visit, you will see us again at 2 months of age for your baby's first round of vaccinations.

Thank you for considering Pediatricians of Dallas for the care of your child. We consider it an honor and privilege to take care of your family!