



Vaccine Policy-Wonderfully Made Pediatrics PLLC

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We at Wonderfully Made Pediatrics, PLLC firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives. We also firmly believe in the safety of our vaccines. All children and young adults should receive all the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics. However, we are also opened to recognizing an alternative schedule if done within a timely fashion prior to formal daycare or school entrance.

Based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies, we know that vaccines do not cause autism and/or other developmental disabilities. Therefore, we believe that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as healthcare providers, and one that you can perform as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and the vaccine schedule are the results of years of scientific study and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of scientists and physicians.

The vaccine campaign is truly a victim of its own success. It is precisely because vaccines are so effective at preventing illness that we are even discussing whether or not they should be given. Because of vaccines, many of you have never seen a child with polio, tetanus, whooping cough, bacterial meningitis, or even chickenpox for that matter, or have known a friend or family member whose child died from one of these diseases. Such success can make us complacent or even doubtful about vaccinations. However, when you do not vaccinate, you take a significant risk with your child(ren)'s health and those of others around them.

Should you choose to vaccinate on a prolonged alternative schedule and there are lengthy delays between vaccines you will be required to sign a "Refusal to Vaccinate" acknowledgement. Again, because we are committed to protecting the health of your children through vaccination, we require all our patients to be vaccinated with all mandated and required vaccines.

Finally, if you should absolutely refuse to vaccinate your child(ren) despite all our efforts, we will ask you to find another healthcare provider who shares your views within **60 days** of your final decision (during this time we will provide any sick visit evaluations until you find another pediatrician). 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 illnesses, disabilities, 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 young 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.

- I **DO NOT** want my child/ren to receive any vaccines. (Please ask for the refusal form to fill out.)
- I **DO** want my child/ren to receive all vaccines.

Patient's Name _____	Date Of Birth _____
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Signature of Parent _____ Date _____