



Routine Childhood Immunization has resulted in tremendous declines in serious infections, disabilities, and death. The illnesses these vaccines prevent are still present in the United States and in the global community and continue to present risks to children and adults. Fully immunizing your child against these illnesses is an important parenting job.

We believe that the immunizations and schedule of immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics are **safe and effective**. We also know that delaying immunizations and using unproven, alternative schedules for shots increases risks: of your child contracting diseases, delayed diagnosis, increased invasive testing, prolonged quarantines, and exposing others to disease (including infants to young to be immunized, pregnant women, immuno-compromised persons, and the elderly whose immunity might have waned).

**We strongly support fully immunizing all children on schedule.** We will not accept transferring patients who are not up to date with immunizations due to parent choice. We are happy to discuss this issue with you; however, if you are fundamentally opposed to immunization during infancy you will find yourself in conflict with one of our very most proven and effective means of keeping your child healthy and safe.

We recommend the following websites for reliable, evidence-based, factual information about the effectiveness, safety, and importance of childhood immunization:

[www.vaccinateyourbaby.org](http://www.vaccinateyourbaby.org)  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/)  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/thimerosal.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/thimerosal.htm)  
[www.ecbt.org](http://www.ecbt.org)  
[www.aap.org/healthtopics/immunizations.cfm](http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/immunizations.cfm)

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