

## The Children's Clinic Vaccine Philosophy

Protecting children and teens from vaccine-preventable illness is one of the most important things the pediatricians at The Children's Clinic do to help your child live a long and healthy life. We know vaccines are safe and protect our children, our families and our community.

All of our physicians strongly adhere to the immunization guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the Advisory Committee on Immunization (ACIP) as these have been well studied and documented to be safe and effective.

We do not recommend altering the immunization schedule based on individual requests as there is no scientific evidence that altered schedules are safe or provide the proper immunity against disease. Alternative schedules may leave your child unprotected from serious diseases.

We will discuss age appropriate vaccines with you at your child's visits and are happy to answer your questions, address your concerns and provide you with reliable vaccine education resources.

If you choose not to immunize your child according to the recommended schedule, you will be asked to sign an immunization refusal waiver at your visit.

**We accept new patients to our clinic who are willing to discuss and begin a vaccination schedule.** This is for the protection of all of our patients and families. Vaccinating children is an integral part of the care we provide at The Children's Clinic.

Immunizations can help your child learn healthy ways to cope with discomfort and stress. Please be assured our staff does everything possible to make your child comfortable during immunizations, including pain reduction techniques and distraction. We look forward to providing compassionate and scientifically based care for your child at The Children's Clinic.

### Resources:

[HealthyChildren.org \(AAP\)](http://HealthyChildren.org)

[CDC Vaccine information and Recommended Schedule](#)

[Children's Hospital of Philadelphia \(CHOP\) - Vaccine Education Center](#)