

Our Practice Vaccine Policy

At Woburn and North Andover Pediatrics, protecting our patients and communities through vaccination is one of the most important services that we provide. Routine childhood immunizations protect against life-threatening illnesses and have been shown through decades of rigorous research to be incredibly safe and effective. Following the recommended schedule ensures that your child receives the best protection at the right time.

For these reasons, we **expect** all patients in our practice to remain up to date with vaccines according to the recommendations set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). This includes 1 dose of MMR by your child's second birthday. Delayed or incomplete vaccination places your child and others- especially infants, children with weakened immune systems, and vulnerable community members- at risk. For the safety of all our patients, families who do not agree to the MMR vaccine as above will be asked to find a different practice that better fits their preferences.

We recognize that this issue is important to many parents, and that conflicting sources of information can make this topic hard to navigate. We also deeply understand that every parent wants to make the right decisions for their child. We welcome any questions that families may have about vaccines- we are here to listen, provide honest evidence-based information, and support you in making the best decisions for your child's health.

Timely vaccination is essential to maintaining a safe care environment for all our patients. Please be aware we will be limited in the care we can safely provide when vaccinations are deferred.

Thank you for partnering with us to protect the health of all children.

Our Vaccine Schedule

We follow the immunization schedule as recommended by the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#). The following represents the typical vaccine schedule. Deviations from the typical schedule for medical reasons are overseen by our providers.

Newborn Visit: Hepatitis B (if not already given after birth)
2 month: Vaxelis (DTaP, IPV, HiB, Hep B), RotaTeq, PCV20
4 month: Vaxelis (DTaP, IPV, HiB, Hep B), RotaTeq, PCV20
6 month: Vaxelis (DTaP, IPV, Hib, Hep B), RotaTeq, PCV20
12 month: Hepatitis A, MMR, Varicella
15 month: Pentacel (DTaP, IPV, HiB), PCV20
18 month: Hepatitis A
4 year: ProQuad (MMR, Varicella) Quadracel (DTaP, IPV)
9 year: Gardasil (HPV)
10 year: Gardasil (HPV)
11 year: Tdap, MenQuadfi (MCV ACWY)
16 year: MenQuadfi (MCV ACWY)
17-18 year: Bexsero (MCV B)*
21 year: Tdap

*This 2-dose vaccine is given on a case-by-case basis, taking into account risk level and patient preference

Vaccine Resources

No matter what medical decisions you make for your child, we hope that all parents have access to the most up to date and complete medical information. Here are some resources we recommend to learn more about vaccine science, benefits, and risks.

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

[HealthyChildren.Org, from the American Academy of Pediatrics
\(https://www.healthychildren.org/english/safety-prevention/immunizations/pages/default.aspx\)](https://www.healthychildren.org/english/safety-prevention/immunizations/pages/default.aspx)

[Vaccinate Your Family- Personal Stories \(https://vaccinateyourfamily.org/why-vaccinate/personal-stories/\)](https://vaccinateyourfamily.org/why-vaccinate/personal-stories/)