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Helpful hints when choosing a Pediatrician

Pediatricians are child health experts. Training requires 3 more years after medical school in Pediatric Residency. We are trained to manage the health of babies, children, teens and young adults. In general, you would expect a pediatrician to track your child's growth, development and nutrition, provide immunizations, updates and information, find physical problems before they become serious. A large part of what a pediatrician does is also educating parents about their children's health along with dealing with behavioral issues.

This is one of the biggest and most important decisions you will make! We advise that you speak with people that have children, ask your OB, and look on your insurance company website. Visit the office so you can meet the doctor and staff! We all know that our gut instinct is usually the best barometer! ☺

Once you have some names prepare a list of questions to ask....for example:

- Is this Pediatrician on my insurance plan?
- Where are you located and do you have a satellite office?
- Do you offer same day sick appointments?
- What are the office hours?
- Do you have late or weekend hours?
- Do you have a website?
- What happens if I need advice after hours? Is a doctor or RN available on-call to talk to me?
- What hospital is the pediatrician affiliated with?
- Are there extra charges for advice calls during the day, after hour's advice calls, refilling medicines, or requests to fill out forms, etc?
- How many doctors are in the office?
- How many years of professional training do pediatricians have?
- Are the doctors board certified?
- Do you provide information regarding immunization schedules?
- Are there separate sick and well waiting rooms?
- Protocols for sick or well or walk-ins?
- Office staff training and experience?
- Feelings on nutrition...breast-feeding, formula, foods?
- Using medicines to treat illnesses?
- Labs, medicines or treatments used in the office