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GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS AND OFFICE PROCEDURE

The chart on the next page displays the timing recommended of the variety of vaccinations given in infancy and childhood. We follow national guidelines put forth by experts in infectious diseases at the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice.

Yes, there are a lot of shots due in the first 15 months of life. It is our job to inform you of the importance of these effective preventive health measures and to answer all of your questions regarding side effect risks and expected benefits of each vaccine. There is continuing research being done to combine vaccines so that children receive fewer shots. As new vaccines are approved and recommended, we make them available to our patients.

For each vaccine given, you will receive a written information sheet or pamphlet and be given an opportunity to discuss any concerns or questions with us. Then we record the vaccine type, the lot number, the date and site given. This information stays in the medical record for easy access. We also will update your child's vaccination record for you if you bring it with you.

NOTE TO PATIENTS WHO RECEIVE VACCINATIONS ELSEWHERE: Please remember to bring your child's vaccination record with you to our office so that we may update our copy of the record and advise you of any possibly delay in vaccination.