

Pediatrician Checklist

After delivery, the top priority for any parent is keeping baby healthy.
Use this checklist to find the perfect pediatrician for you and your baby.

Doctor Information

- How long have you been a doctor, and how long have you been with this practice?
- Do you have a sub-specialty or an area of interest?
- With which hospital(s) are you affiliated?
- What are your views on the following medical issues: circumcision, breastfeeding, antibiotics, and alternative medicine?
- What are your views on the following parenting issues: attachment parenting, single parenthood, and day care?

Office Information

- Do you accept my insurance?
- How does your practice handle payments, billing, laboratory charges, and insurance claims?
- What is the fee structure for care? What is the scope of insurance coverage?
- Are there separate waiting rooms for healthy and sick children?
- What tests are handled in office, and which are administered elsewhere?
- Does a pediatric nurse practitioner work in your office?
- Typically how long are appointments?
- How often do you see the baby in the first year?

Accessibility

- How long after my baby is born will you see them?
- If my baby needs treatment at birth, can you provide services at the hospital where I'm delivering?
- What if I need help after hours?
- Who covers for you when you're not on call?
- Will I be able to get a same-day appointment if my child is sick?
- Do you have walk-in hours?
- Will you be the one who handles sick-baby visits, or will another doctor in the group or a nurse practitioner do so?
- Do you offer early, late, and weekend appointments?
- How will my phone calls be handled? Do you offer call-in hours, or does your office accept calls at any time?
- Do you accept and answer questions by email or use a patient portal for communicating with patients/parents?

