

Atlantic Medical Group Vaccine Policy Statement

- › We, the physicians of Atlantic Medical Group, firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and save lives.
- › We firmly believe in the safety of our vaccines.
- › We firmly believe that all children and adults should receive all of the vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.
- › We firmly believe, based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies, that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.
- › We firmly believe that vaccinating children and adults may be the single most important preventive measure we can take for overall health and well-being. The recommended vaccines and the vaccine schedule are the result of years and years of scientific study and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.
- › In recent years, there has been a re-emergence of many vaccine-preventable diseases. This re-emergence has been caused in part by families that have chosen not to vaccinate themselves or their children. This choice puts the adults, children and infants that are unable to get vaccinated (whether due to age or health condition) at risk.
- › We are making you aware of these facts not to scare you or pressure you, but to emphasize the importance of vaccinations. We recognize that the decision to vaccinate can be a sensitive topic for some. If you have concerns about vaccinations, please discuss these with your healthcare provider in advance of your visit. The Centers for Disease Control recommends a certain timeline for vaccines to be administered, called a vaccine schedule. In some cases, we may be able to alter the vaccine schedule if you have concerns regarding the amount of vaccines administered at one time. Please be advised, however, that delaying or “breaking up” the vaccines to give one or two at a time over two or more visits goes against expert recommendations, can put your child at risk for serious illness (or even death) and goes against our medical advice as providers.
- › **As medical professionals, it is our goal to keep all our patients and staff members safe and healthy. We feel very strongly that vaccinating on schedule is absolutely the right thing to do to protect all children and adults. Please recognize that by not vaccinating, you are putting yourself or your child at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness and disability, and even death. It is our policy to have all our patients follow the recommended vaccine schedule.**
- › If you choose not to vaccinate your child in the recommended manner, we may ask you to find another primary care physician and will assist you in the process.



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