

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?
- ☐ 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 babies 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?
- ☐ 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 or provider in your group 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?