

WELCOME

Let us take this opportunity to welcome your family as patients to our practice. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with caring pediatric and adolescent medical services. We greatly value the trust that you have placed in us by allowing us to care for your child(ren). We look forward to the opportunity to participate in your child's growth over many years.

The following are some important "highlights" to assist you. Consult our website www.pacaremd.com for more details.

- Most of our appointment times are between 9AM and 5PM, Monday-Friday. However the office opens at 8AM on weekdays. You may call anytime after 8AM to make an appointment or receive assistance.
- On Monday AND Friday mornings, Walk-In sick visits are available between 8AM and 9AM – No appointment necessary. These visits are for acute illness and injury only, not for chronic, complicated, or multiple problems. Patients must arrive between 8AM and 9AM on Monday or Friday morning to be seen.
- Assistance by telephone is available during our office hours. Our experienced pediatric nurses are available throughout the day for medical advice. For non-urgent questions, messages may be left for a doctor or nurse practitioner to return your call.
- One of the doctors is on call for urgent medical problems on evenings and weekends. The doctor on call may be reached by calling our regular office number (301-681-6730) and following the directions for leaving an urgent message for the doctor.
- On weekends and holidays, arrangements may be made for seeing ill children. This is best done by calling between 8AM-9AM and leaving a message for the on-call doctor.
- For the most flexibility in scheduling Well Child Visit appointments, please try to make your appointment at least two months in advance.
- Patients who are ill and need to be seen the same day can always be accommodated.
- In an effort to run on schedule, we will ask patients who arrive more than 10 minutes late for regular check-up appointments to reschedule.
- If you are unable to keep your appointment, please call at least 24 hours in advance so that someone else may use your time.
- We reserve the right to charge a fee for missed appointments.

Newborn's First Visit

Routine Visits fulfill several purposes:

1. Updating history: illness, injuries, allergies, hospitalizations.
2. Assess and discuss nutrition, growth, development, and behavior.
3. Physical Examination
4. Hearing and vision screening (ages four and up).
5. Laboratory screening test.
6. Explore changes in the child, family, and social environment; share insights.
7. Anticipatory guidance and accident prevention.

ROUTINE VISITS AND PROCEDURES ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS

Please try to schedule these appointments at least one month in advance.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Special Procedures</u>
3-5 Days	Assessment for Feeding Difficulties Jaundice
10 Days	Newborn Blood Screening Test
1 Month	May Receive Hepatitis B
2 Months	Hepatitis B Pentacel (DTaP, IPV, HIB) Pevnar 13 (Pneumococcal) Rotavirus
4 Months	Pentacel (DTaP, IPV, HIB) Pevnar 13 (Pneumococcal) Rotavirus
6 Months	Hepatitis B Pentacel (DTaP, IPV, HIB) Pevnar 13 (Pneumococcal) Rotavirus
9 Months	Anemia and Lead Screenings
12 Months	Varicella MMR Pevnar 13 (Pneumococcal) Hepatitis A Tuberculosis Screening
15 Months	HIB DTaP
18 Months	Hepatitis A