

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(ren)'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 for established patients between 8AM and 9AM – No appointment necessary. These visits are for acute illness and injuries only, not for chronic, complicated, or multiple problems. Patients must arrive between 8AM and 9AM on Monday or Friday mornings 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.
- When our office is closed, if you have an urgent medical problem that you need assistance with, call our office at (301) 681-6730 and select option “1”. Please be ready to provide your child’s name, date of birth, and a return phone number. You will receive a return phone call as soon as possible within 30 minutes. Make sure your phone is on and accessible to receive your return call.
- 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 may 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.
8. Screening for developmental, behavioral, and mood problems, as well as health risks.

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	Hepatitis B
2 Months	Pentacel (DTaP, IPV, HIB) Prevnar 13 (Pneumococcal) Rotavirus
4 Months	Pentacel (DTaP, IPV, HIB) Prevnar 13 (Pneumococcal) Rotavirus
6 Months	Hepatitis B Pentacel (DTaP, IPV, HIB) Prevnar 13 (Pneumococcal) Rotavirus Influenza
9 Months	Anemia and Lead Screenings
12 Months	MMRV (Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella) Prevnar 13 (Pneumococcal) Hepatitis A
15 Months	HIB DTaP
18 Months	Hepatitis A