

PEDIATRICIAN CHECKLIST



Print this page for each provider interview so you can compare notes later on.

Pediatrician Name _____ Practice Name _____

Phone Number _____ Website _____

Questions to ask:

- What made you become a pediatrician? _____
- Do you have a subspecialty? _____
- How long have you been practicing? _____
- How do you stay current on research and new guidelines/treatments? _____
- Will you meet and examine my newborn at the hospital? _____
- Will you be caring for my baby each time, or are there other providers here? _____
- What are your office hours? _____
- Are there evening and/or weekend hours? _____
- What if my baby gets sick when your office is closed? _____
- What is the cost of a well-baby visit, and is it covered by my health insurance? _____
- Can I call in with questions about my baby's health? _____
- Are there separate waiting areas for sick and healthy babies? _____
- Do you have specialized staff in the office to help with breastfeeding?
- What is your philosophy regarding: breastfeeding, circumcision, immunizations, antibiotics, alternative medicine, parenting and sleep methods? (only ask if these matter to you) _____

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Rate the following areas:	Poor		Fair		Excellent
Convenience of office to work or home	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of parking or public transportation	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness/Organization of the office	1	2	3	4	5
Friendliness/professionalism of staff	1	2	3	4	5
How comfortable you feel overall	1	2	3	4	5
Provider's communication style	1	2	3	4	5

Ask as many questions as you want... but what you really want to do, is go in and LOOK, FEEL, AND OBSERVE.

Trust your intuition about the doctors, nurses and staff. Ask other parents about their experience, referrals are always best.

Additional Notes:
