

Practice Philosophy

We at La Grange Pediatrics believe strongly that we are partners with you in raising your children. The wonderful part of pediatrics is helping families through the years, starting the challenges of the newborn and toddler years on through the different set of challenges that occur during the teenage years. We closely follow the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics. This includes the appropriate use of antibiotics and other medicines as well as administration of vaccines. For this reason we will not prescribe antibiotics without seeing your children first. We are aware of the current public opinion blaming vaccines for numerous health problems in children. The fact remains that there is no credible evidence linking any illness to vaccines. The most important thing that you can do for your child, to ensure that they will grow up to be happy healthy adults, is to vaccinate them on the recommended schedule. We are more than happy to discuss any concerns that you may have about the vaccines. It would be preferred that you call us ahead of your scheduled well child visit or schedule a separate consultation to discuss this so that we have adequate time to cover the rest of your child's complete health examination. We want to work with you as a team and feel very strongly that giving vaccinations in a timely fashion is one of the most important medical interventions that we provide to keep your child healthy. If you feel strongly that you do not want to vaccinate or want to significantly delay your child's vaccination schedule, we suggest that you find another pediatric group that shares your philosophy. If children that are unvaccinated come into our office with one of these preventable diseases, such as measles, pertussis or HIB meningitis, they could infect other innocent children who have not completed their vaccines yet. We will always act as advocates for your children and do what is in their best interests.