



Springdale-Mason Pediatrics Vaccine Statement

We believe that vaccines are one of the greatest advancements in the history of medicine. The benefits include millions of lives saved, much suffering, pain and emotional turmoil thwarted and mounted public fears alleviated.

The present time has brought a period where a false sense of security has developed. Through mounting additions of misinformation, misinterpretation of good science and spreading of false science or pseudoscience, our population has a growing fear that vaccines may not be the right choice for their children. As the bearers of four years of professional academic medical education followed by three years of supervised pediatric training-in-action, then years of pediatric practice where we read constantly the science and reasoning behind what therapy has been beneficial for children, we all believe that vaccines given in the ACIP schedule are the best idea to accept and follow. All practitioners here at Springdale-Mason Pediatrics vaccinate their children. We believe that choosing not to vaccinate your child not only puts your child at risk of suffering from these preventable diseases, but also increases the risk to babies and children not yet old enough to receive this protection, all children with unfortunate immune function problems and those who do not naturally respond to the vaccine as well.

Although we respect a parents right to make decisions for their child's healthcare, we advocate for full vaccination in every child and believe that the schedule presented by the ACIP is appropriate and as safe as or more so than most medical interventions. We require your signing a standardized Vaccine Refusal Form if you wish to deviate from this schedule. We also require our clinicians to discuss your concerns at all well child visits.

If you would like information about vaccines, trustworthy and reliable sources of information include:

www.medlineplus.gov

www.cdc.gov/vaccines

www.aap.org

www.immunizationinfo.org

www.who.int/immunization

Some videos about the success of vaccines and problems of preventable disease:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/polio/>

<http://www.vaccineinformation.org/video/> (Needs RealPlayer)

Thank you for your attention.