

Choosing a pediatrician can be a daunting task. It's a good idea to start with recommendations from family members or friends. Whether the physician you are thinking of working with has come recommended or not, it's important to find out if they may be a good match for you and your new baby. Below you will find a helpful list of questions to ask any pediatrician you are thinking of working with.



1. What are the office hours? Do you have evening or Saturday hours?
2. If I called for a routine visit right now, how soon could I be seen?
3. Will you or other physicians/nurses in the practice discuss health problems over the phone? Do you charge for such calls?
4. What happens if I have an emergency outside of office hours?
5. Are you a member of the health insurance plan I belong to? Are you considered an In-Network physician?
6. Does my health plan provide you with financial incentives?
7. How can I pay for care and services provided?
8. Will my child see you each time we have an appointment, or will other physicians in the practice see him/her?
9. If my child needs hospitalization, which hospital do you traditionally use?
10. How do you feel about obtaining a second opinion?
11. What is your medical training and where did you go to medical school?
12. Are you board certified in your specialty?
13. How often do you prescribe antibiotics?
14. What are your views of vaccinations? Do you have any thoughts on delayed vaccination schedules?
15. What is your opinion on breastfeeding?
16. When do you recommend the introduction of solid foods?

### Questions to Ask Yourself

1. Do you feel comfortable with this physician? Is this someone you would trust to make healthcare decisions about your child?
2. Was the office staff friendly and helpful when you called?
3. Have you seen the office? Is it clean and safe?
4. How convenient is the location? Is parking convenient?
5. After your first visit, did your child seem to react well to the doctor?