

## Pediatrician Questionnaire

Name of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

### ABOUT THE PRACTICE

You might want to ask the doctor's office staff these questions before you decide whether to interview the physician.

1. What insurance do you accept?
2. Is this a solo or group practice? Solo    group
  - a. If solo, who covers when the doctor isn't available?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If group, how often will we see other doctors in the practice?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How long has this doctor(s) been in practice? \_\_\_\_\_ Years
4. Does the doctor(s) have any subspecialties? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What are your hours? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What evening or weekend hours are available? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Does your practice encourage parents to call for routine/non-emergency questions? yes    no
8. How will we reach you if my child gets sick after hours? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How can I reach the doctor in an emergency? \_\_\_\_\_
10. When the doctor's not on call, what doctor covers the calls?  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Which hospitals is the doctor affiliated with? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Does the doctor see newborns in the hospital or at the first office visit? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Does the doctor respond to e-mail? yes    no
14. How does the practice handle payments, billing, laboratory charges, and insurance claims?

PRACTICE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

### ABOUT THE DOCTOR

Most doctors have only about ten minutes to spare for an interview. If the interview takes longer, some physicians will charge a consultation fee.

1. Will you be available for discussions on my child's behavioral developments (discipline issues, social development, etc.)?    yes    no
  
2. Where are your views on:
  - a. bottle-feeding \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. circumcision \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. antibiotics \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. immunizations \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. parenting methods \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. childhood obesity \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. getting babies to sleep \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. alternative medicine \_\_\_\_\_

### QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

If the doctor answers all your questions effectively but your intuition tells you that the relationship won't be a good fit, examine why, and trust your instincts.

1. Was everything clean?    yes    no
2. Is the waiting room pleasant and kid-friendly?    yes    no
3. Were toys and books available to occupy your child?    yes    no
4. Were the office staff and nurses helpful and patient?    yes    no
5. How long were you kept waiting? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes
6. Does your child seem to respond well to the doctor?    yes    no
7. Does the doctor seem to welcome questions?    yes    no
8. Does the doctor seem to know about the latest medical advances?    yes    no

9. Is the doctor's style of communication a good fit with yours?    yes      no
10. Is the doctor more inclined to give you directions or offer you options?    directions      options
11. Did you feel comfortable with the doctor?    yes      no
12. Was parking readily available?    yes      no