

Vaccine Policy

Gahanna Pediatrics strives to promote the health and well-being of all children. At the core of our beliefs is preventive medicine, including the prevention of debilitating and life-threatening disease through administration of vaccines.

Vaccines are the most studied biologicals in the history of mankind. There is no doubt that vaccinations have improved our health, quality of life, and longevity. The assertion that vaccines cause autism has been refuted by many studies over the last few years.

Many have become complacent about the diseases vaccines prevent because we don't often see these diseases anymore. It also has become popular to refuse vaccines, because parents worry about side effects. Social media often exaggerates the side effects and fails to point out the extreme benefits. They fail to mention that these diseases can cause pneumonia, meningitis, sepsis, hearing loss, deafness, sterility, and death (to name a few).

Gahanna Pediatrics cares deeply about the health of all the children in our care. We are and have been staunch children's advocates. **For these reasons we will not care for children whose parents/guardians refuse vaccines or request an alternate vaccine schedule.**

Respectfully,

Daniel J. Heinmiller, M.D.

Richard A. Kern, M.D.

I have read the Vaccine Policy. I understand and agree to this policy.

Patient Name

Date of Birth

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date