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VACCINE POLICY

Patient Name: _____ **Date of Birth**: _____

We at Wellstar Kennestone Pediatrics firmly believe that immunizations are one of the most important medical breakthroughs in history. Vaccines are important for all children. Vaccines have saved countless lives and avoided untold suffering.

WE ARE A PRO-VACCINE PRACTICE. WE EXPECT PARENTS TO IMMUNIZE THEIR CHILDREN ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (AAP) AND THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC). WE DO NOT OFFER NON-STANDARD OR "ALTERNATIVE" SCHEDULES.

The AAP and CDC both recommend administering multiple immunizations at each visit. Multiple shots and combination vaccines are utilized for three main reasons:

1. To provide broad immunological protection to children when they are young and most vulnerable.
2. To minimize the total number of shots needed.
3. To minimize the number of office visits and thus the cost to the health care system.

Administration of simultaneous vaccines has been extensively studied, determined to be safe and effective, and has no negative effect on a child's immune system. In fact, the number of antigens in vaccines is tiny when compared to the millions of germs that an average child is exposed to each day.

There is NO credible scientific evidence that vaccines cause autism. Numerous scientific studies have conclusively shown that vaccines do not cause autism.

We realize that immunizations may be a worrisome subject for many parents, and we will be happy to provide you with literature and web-sites on the subject. We will be happy to answer any and all questions you have. However, parents who refuse to vaccinate their children are not a good fit for our practice and will be referred elsewhere.

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Parent Signature Date Provider Signature Date