# **Immunizations** A vital part of your child's healthcare



Jeffers, Pediat and AdoLescent Medicine, P.A.

Our Family-Centered Medical Home concept covers all aspects of your child's health, including life-saving vaccinations.

Immunizations are one of the most important things you can do for your child, your family and your friends.

We don't vaccinate just to protect our children and ourselves; we vaccinate to protect our friends and family, our grandchildren and future generations, and those most vulnerable to these diseases, such as those with immune deficiencies, the elderly, and premature infants.

Vaccines save our lives and all of those we **come in contact with.** Please get your child fully

vaccinated! At Jeffers, Mann & Artman, we are concerned about the misinformation our families are exposed to. Here is a list of some resources available to help you find reliable information regarding vaccines.

Check these sites to find out:

- Are vaccinations safe?
- When do you need them & why are there so many doses?
- What are the ingredients?
- Will it be covered by my insurance?

Healthychildren.org Information from the American Academy of Pediatrics: https://www.healthychildren.org/ english/safety-prevention/immunizations/pages/default.aspx

Center for Disease Control This Center has the latest news regarding diseases and vaccines both nationally and internationally. The website includes a list of the most frequently asked questions regarding vaccines in children and adults. It's a very comprehensive website to answer many of your questions and concerns.

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents

# Vaccine Education Center of CHOP

This site provides accurate, comprehensive and up-to-date information about vaccines and the diseases they prevent. www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center

# Dr. Paul Offit

Dr. Paul Offit of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is one of the country's most knowledgeable authorities on childhood vaccines. He is the Director of the Vaccine Education Center listed above. http://paul-offit.com/resources/

# **Immunization Action Coalition**

This website is an excellent resource about immunizations for children and adults. It has great handouts and articles, as well as images of diseases that vaccines prevent (may not be appropriate for young children to view). www.immunize.org/photos

### Vaccinate Your Family

Vaccinate Your Family is an initiative aimed at raising awareness of the importance of vaccines across the lifespan. It is a program of Every Child By Two, which is a nonprofit organization that aims to reduce the burden of vaccine-preventable diseases among people of all ages. www.vaccinateyourfamily.org

### Shot of Prevention

A community blog where individuals, parents, medical professionals and others can gather to discuss current events regarding

immunizations. www.shotofprevention.org











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