



Two Month Visit

Around 2 months, your baby will flash you a real smile and start to show some real head control! At this visit, we start to track your baby's development with a standardized screen and discuss strategies to encourage further development. We will also lay out the road map for our vaccination schedule.

What should my two-month old be doing?

All babies develop at different rates. Please do not be discouraged or worried if your child has not achieved the following milestones by 2 months.

At this age, your child should:

- Lift chest momentarily when on tummy
- Hold head steady when seated with support
- Discover hands and fingers
- Grasp with some control
- Smile and coo with increasing frequency
- Follow objects by moving head from side to side

My baby is receiving four vaccines, is this really alright?

Although the immune system is still developing, it is quite sophisticated. Every day your child is exposed to hundreds of antigens (the active parts of vaccines). When we give your child the vaccines, we are simply controlling a few of the antigens that he will see on that given day to provide protection against dangerous illnesses. If you would like more information on this topic, may we refer you to the wonderful video "Vaccines – Separating Facts from Fear" provided by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

What type of vaccine reaction should I expect?

Most babies do not have a reaction to the vaccines. A small percentage may develop a low-grade fever (under 101) or fussiness during the 24 hours after the administration of the vaccine. If this occurs, please provide a dose of acetaminophen (Tylenol) as directed on our Tylenol dosing chart on the Patient Resources page of our website.

How much Tylenol should my baby take after his vaccines?

Most babies will not have a reaction to the vaccines. If your baby has mild symptoms and a fever under 101, please consult the Tylenol dosing chart for the appropriate dose. If your child is irritable or develops a fever >101, please call the clinic at 503-296-7800.

What vaccines and/or screening tests should I expect at this visit?

At this visit your child will receive the Pentacel vaccine (DTaP, Polio and Hib), the Prevnar vaccine (pneumococcal) and an oral vaccine that protects against rotavirus and the second Hepatitis B vaccine.

