Choosing a Quality Medical Home



REMEMBER you can call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

WHAT IS A MEDICAL HOME?

A Medical Home is a doctor's office, clinic or health department where the staff knows you, your child and your child's health history. It is the one place you take your child for their health care:

checkups

- special health needs
- sick visits
- shots
- accidents

Choosing a quality medical home is important! You want to take your child to someone you trust, someone who respects you as a full partner in your child's care. Here are some questions you may want to ask. You may think of others.

Some Questions to Ask

- 1. Do you accept my child's health insurance?
- 2. If I cannot pay what I owe, can I set up a payment plan?
- 3. What are your regular office hours? What if my child needs care at night, on weekends or holidays? Do you have an advice line I can call?
- 4. If I have many concerns, may I schedule a longer appointment?
- 5. Will you regularly check my child's developmental progress?
- 6. How can we work together in planning my child's care?
- 7. Will you tell me about and help me contact health and community resources?
- 8. How familiar are you with my child's special health care needs?
- 9. I like talking with other families who have had similar experiences. How do you use families as resources to your practice?





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