

2 WEEK WELL CHILD VISIT WT: _____, _____% HT: _____, _____% HC _____, _____%

The complete details of today's visit are on our web site at pcpmds.com. If you do not know how to access your child's records please ask our staff on the way out and they will gladly help you. Remember to confirm future appointments you must click on the link you receive in the text message.

DIET

Breast milk or formula contains all the nutrients your baby needs at this time.

Vitamin D drops for breast fed babies – 400IU – ask your pharmacist to direct you to the many over the counter preparations available.

Delay solids until 4-6 months.

VACCINES Your baby received the Hepatitis B vaccine today if not given at the hospital where the baby was born.

Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS) are available for review on our web site at pcpmds.com under "forms and handouts". There is one VIS statement for each vaccine given and some are available in both Spanish and Creole. They have also been sent to your own portal account. Laminated copies are available for your review in the office.

- **It is very important that all caregivers in your home receive the adult pertussis vaccine - also known as Tdap. This will protect your baby from getting pertussis or whooping cough from you. Your baby is not protected from whooping cough until after the 6 month vaccines. Babies who get whooping cough are almost always hospitalized and frequently end up in an intensive care unit. Please protect your baby from this very serious and sometimes fatal, but preventable disease. You can get this vaccine at our or your doctor's office, or at Walgreens.**
- **FLU** for the parents and caregivers during flu season, September – March. By administering this vaccine to the caregivers you protect the infant from getting the flu which can be very serious in an infant. The Flu vaccine is available here or through each caregiver's personal physician

SAFETY

Car seat: your baby must be in a car seat every time he or she is in the car. The seat must be rear facing until 2 years of age. Children should always be in the rear seat of the car.

Pacifiers: decrease the risk of SIDS.

Falls: Do not leave your baby alone on tables, sofas, beds, or other high places. Babies wiggle and can fall easily.

Burns: never carry your baby and hot foods at the same time. Also, never hold your baby while cooking. Make sure smoke detectors are installed in your home and check the batteries to make sure they are working.

CIGARETTE SMOKING: Exposure to tobacco smoke, even if you smoke outside, increases your child's risk of SIDS (sudden infant death-crib death), asthma, allergies, dental cavities, ear infections, and colds. In addition, smoking increases the chance of your child having to deal with your early death from the complications of smoking, including cancer, emphysema, and heart disease. Smoking also increases the chance that your children will smoke. Give your child the gift of his or her health and yours – stop smoking today.

SAFE SLEEP Put baby to sleep on his or her back, on a firm, snug- fitting mattress. Do not let baby sleep in an adult waterbed, bean-bag or sheep skin, or soft yielding bedding or comforters. Do not use crib bumpers or stuffed animals in crib.

NEVER SHAKE YOUR BABY – if you are getting frustrated, put your baby in the crib, and walk out of the room. It is safer for your infant to be alone crying while you calm your frustrations. Newborns can be very frustrating, and, if you find yourself getting increasingly more frustrated or depressed, please come in and speak with us. Remember, asking for help is a brave thing to do and makes you a better parent for your child.

Consider taking a **CPR course**.

SOCIAL

- Parents need some time off from caring for baby. A happy parent is the greatest gift you can give to your infant. Be sure to nurture all the relationships in your home.
- Remember to add your baby to your insurance. You must do this, it is not automatic, and follow up with the insurance company that this was indeed done. Mistakes are relatively common and these mistakes can be very costly to the family. Do not delay!

NEXT VISIT IS AT 1 MONTH – Book on your way out of the office today!