

Primary Care Providers Keep Children Healthy



And Take Care of Them When They Get Sick

1. Like a car - your child's body needs regular check-ups.
2. It is important that one health provider helps to take care of your child's basic health needs - not just a part of your child's body like many specialists do.
3. Primary care providers help your child in many different ways:
 - They teach you how to keep your child healthy.
 - Oversee all of your child's care, including well-care and coordination of care and services.
 - They help monitor your child's growth and development.
 - They can help advise on how to handle behavioral issues.
 - Share information and resources about parent groups and community services.
 - They help you to keep your child's immunizations up-to-date.
 - They refer your child to specialty care when your child needs it.
4. Caring for your child when he/she is sick takes a lot of time - your life is much easier when you keep your child as healthy as possible.
5. Ask for special consideration if needed:
 - Let your primary care provider know what works best for you and your child.
 - Your PCP may be able to make an exam or treatment easier for your child by knowing his/her special interest activities and family events.
 - If your child is more vulnerable to other children's infections, you might want to ask to wait in a special area.
6. Ask your provider for a written care plan to help plan care and coordinate with other providers.

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