

QUESTIONS FOR THE PEDIATRICIAN

Doctor name: _____ Office phone number: _____

Notes: _____

Questions about the practice

How many pediatricians do you have in your practice? _____

Do we get to choose which pediatricians we see? _____

What are your office hours? _____

What insurance do you accept? _____

Do you have a 24/7 nurse line? _____

What should we do in case of an emergency? _____

Which hospitals are you affiliated with? What hospital will you refer us to if our child needs specialty testing or procedures? _____

Do you do blood draws in-house or refer us to a lab? Which lab? Does that lab take our insurance? _____

How long is a typical wait when we show up to our appointment on time? _____

How soon can we see a doctor if our child is sick? Do you allow walk-in appointments? _____

Is there a separate waiting area for sick patients and healthy children? _____

Do you schedule newborn baby appointments first thing in the morning? _____

Do you use email or texting for non-emergency questions and administrative questions? _____

Questions for the pediatrician

How long have you been at this practice? _____

Do you have any children? _____

Are you certified by the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)? _____

Do you come to the hospital where we will give birth? _____

When should we come in for our first appointment with our newborn? How long in advance do we have to schedule the appointment? _____

What are your thoughts on breastfeeding and formula? _____

What are your thoughts on circumcision? _____

How quick are you to prescribe antibiotics? _____

How long do you recommend waiting before bringing our baby outside for a walk, if the weather is nice? _____

Are you flexible with spreading out the immunization/vaccination schedule? _____

Does your office have any specializations or extended training, such as lactation help, sleep training, occupational therapy, picky eating, allergists, gastroenterologists? _____

How long is a typical check-up? _____

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