**BERKELEY PEDIATRIC MEDICAL GROUP, INC.**

**Minimal vaccine schedule**

**The doctors of Berkeley Pediatrics recommend that our patients receive all routine vaccines as scheduled. This practice protects both your children and the community from potentially dangerous and preventable disease. Any delay or prolongation of the routine schedule risks reducing immunity, contracting disease, serious illness and the possibility of death or disability. If a vaccine requires more than one dose, only partial protection is afforded prior to the completion of the series. For example, protection against pertussis (whooping cough, an especially serious illness for young children) only reaches 90% after completing the first three doses of DTaP.**

**We respect that some of our families wish to pursue alternative schedules of immunization or wish to split up the dates of administration. While we cannot recommend such schedules as there is no scientific evidence that they are safe or effective, we will work with you and your children to accommodate your wishes. We do, however, wish to stress that there is a minimum number of immunizations your child must receive by certain ages, as listed below, for us to agree to keep your child in our practice. In addition, if you will be travelling, the risk of certain illnesses increases and you should seriously consider vaccines such as Hepatitis A and B.**

**In order to remain a patient at Berkeley Pediatrics your child must have received:**

**By 3 months ofage :DTaP x1;HiB x1; IPV x1; pneumococcus x 1**

**By 9 months of age: DTaP x3; HiB x3; IPV x2; pneumococcus x3**

**By 2 years of age: DTaP x4; HiB x4; IPV x 3; pneumococcus x 4;MMR x1, varicella x 1**

**By 6 years of age: DTaP x 5; IPV x4, MMR x 2; varicella x2**

**Adolescent: TdaP booster; meningococcus**

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