



A Professional Team Helping to Create the Brightest Futures

Practice Overview and Clinical Standards

Our mission is to provide our patients with the most comprehensive and highest quality medical care possible for infants, children, and adolescents.

We are dedicated to providing each patient with individual and personal attention through close collaboration of our staff, our patients, and their families.

We bring compassion, experience, knowledge, and a commitment to excellence to every aspect of our practice.

F. Read Hopkins Pediatrics Practice Overview

We know that you have a choice when deciding where to take your children for medical care, so are grateful that you have decided to join F. Read Hopkins Pediatrics. Our goal is to help you attain optimal physical, mental, and social well-being for your children. We envision our relationship with families as a partnership between our staff and providers with your family and community. We work collaboratively with your family to make ourselves available to you for medical and administrative needs. By being a member of the Hopkins practice, you are provided many services beyond clinical encounters with our providers:

- Same-day urgent care visits, 7 days a week
- Telephone advice and telemedicine appointments, 7 days a week
- Referral and document coordination with pediatric specialists
- Comprehensive immunization program
- Case management of chronic diseases and disabilities
- Insurance and billing management expertise
- Assistance for government forms, insurance bureaucracy, and pharmacy authorizations
- Representation and advocacy for school and education accommodations
- Laboratory and X-ray capabilities on-site
- Web-enabled health records and online portal access to health documents

In order to meet our goals for your children's health and effectively function as your primary care practice, we expect to have regular opportunities to engage with our clinicians during health maintenance (i.e. wellness, check-up) visits. Our minimum standards for the frequency of these visits in order to remain a member of our practice are provided in an attached document.

In the delivery of our medical care, we generally take a collaborative approach to our recommendations and participate in shared decision-making with families. However, there are some recommendations that we give that we view as essential to delivering quality care as supported by ongoing research and standards of care. For these critical recommendations, whether diagnostic or treatment, we follow national standards to keep your child's health and safety as our priority. Two main examples are vitamin K administration at birth and immunization (vaccine) administration. Specifically, we expect our patients to be fully vaccinated with all immunizations included in the published recommendations from the CDC and AAP. The minimum standards for immunizations to remain a member of our practice are provided in an attached document.

Our Hopkins Pediatrics community relies on trust and communication between families and our clinicians and staff to meet our goals. Non-adherence to our standards inherently obstructs a collaborative relationship and we will need to dismiss patients and families from our practice that do not abide by our standards.

Health Maintenance Visits

Minimum standards for frequency of check-up appointments at F. Read Hopkins:

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| → Infancy through 24 months: | Age-based visits | 6 mo grace period |
| → 2 years through 5 years: | Annual visit | 1 year grace period |
| → Over 5 years: | Annual visit | 2 year grace period |

Immunizations

Minimum standards for immunizations at F. Read Hopkins:

- Immunizations from the Type One category will be received and, if applicable, a complete series of doses.
- Non-medical exemptions are not accepted. These include religious-belief, personal-belief, and philosophically-based exemptions.
- Infants will begin Type One immunizations by 6 months of age
- Infants will complete Type One immunization series by 24 months of age

Recommended Immunizations: Type One

Infant:	DTaP, IPV, Hib, HepB, Pnm, Rota
Child:	MMR, Var, HepA
Adolescent:	Tdap, MenACYW

Recommended Immunizations: Type Two

Infant:	Flu, COVID-19, Nirsevimab
Child:	Flu, COVID-19
Adolescent:	Flu, COVID-19, HPV, MenB