



## **Vaccine Philosophy**

**We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.**

**We firmly believe in the safety of our vaccines.**

**We firmly believe that all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.**

**We firmly believe, based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies, that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.**

**We firmly believe that thimerosal, a preservative that has been in vaccines for decades and remains in some vaccines, does not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.**

**We firmly believe that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health promoting intervention we perform as Pediatricians, and that you can perform as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and the vaccine schedule are the results of years and years of scientific study and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.**

**As medical professionals, we feel strongly that vaccinating children on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and young adults. Thank you for your time in reading this policy, and please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of us.**

**Finally, if you should absolutely refuse to vaccinate your child despite all our efforts, we may ask you to find another health care provider who shares your views. We do not keep a list of such providers, nor would we recommend any such health care provider. Please recognize that by not vaccinating you are putting your child at an unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness and disability, and even death.**

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**