

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) believes that current data show that hospitals and accredited birth centers are the safest settings for birth in the United States. The AAP recognizes that women may choose to plan a home birth.

As board certified pediatricians, we follow the guidelines of the AAP, and our goal is to provide the best possible care for our patients. Excellent care happens when our physicians are aligned with your family priorities and philosophies regarding medical care. To retain our role as child advocates, we believe all newborn patients, regardless of the circumstances of his or her birth, including location, deserve health care consistent with care provided for infants born in a medical care facility.

If you are planning a home birth and would like your newborn to be accepted into our practice, we require that your baby has received all AAP recommended screenings and newborn care, and that you intend to follow AAP guidelines.

AAP recommended screenings and newborn care required prior to your first visit with us:

- Vitamin K injection
- Glucose Screening
- Eye Prophylaxis (ointment)
- Hepatitis B vaccine
- Congenital heart disease screening
- PA metabolic screening
- Initial newborn routine checkup in pediatrician's office 3 to 5 days after birth

Additionally, prior to first appointment, JDC requires:

- Newborn birth records
- Group B Strep results