



Pediatrician Interview

Did you know you can schedule interviews with pediatricians before you decide which to employ, often free of charge? The following questions are designed to be a starting point to help you decide if a health professional is a good fit for you. Remember, you can change your child's doctor at any time! You are hiring them to provide their service and expertise, and you are free to switch if you are not satisfied with their care or even if they're just not a good match for your family. Also, you can look up potential pediatricians through the [NC Medical Board Licensee Search](#) to see if they have had any issues in the past.

1. Do you come to the hospital for a first visit?
2. What hospitals do you work with?
3. What is the procedure if I have a question after hours?
4. Do you have any additional training in lactation?
5. What do you do if a parent is having trouble nursing?
6. Can I get same-day sick appointments? Who will be caring for my child if you're not in the office?
7. Is there a separate waiting room for sick and well children?
8. How do you handle potential developmental delays?
9. What is your stance on starting solids?
10. What would be your plan of action for an ear infection? Start antibiotics immediately or wait and see for a few days?
11. What would be your recommendation if a newborn lost 10% of their body weight?
12. Is there a patient portal for test results, scheduling appointments, etc.?
13. Are labs and other tests done in-office, or would we have to go to another location?
14. What is your childcare philosophy? Do you have children?
15. What is your stance on alternative medicine?