

Pediatricians

Finding a great pediatrician can be like trying to find a needle in a haystack. I strongly suggest interviewing possible candidates to find a good match. I've included pediatrician interview info below. Read through the questions before your appointment and highlight the ones that are most important to you. Most doctors have only about ten minutes or so for an interview. Some will charge a consultation fee if it takes longer. **This list is in no particular order.**

Continuum Center for Health and Healing
Dr. Kathi Kemper
245 Fifth Ave.
New York, NY 10016 646-935-2257
www.healthandhealingny.org

Flatiron Family Medical
Dr. Pamela Hops
Dr. Sapna Chaudhary
12 W. 21st Street, 6 FL
New York, NY 10010
212-343-2222

Dr. Stephen Aji
Brooklyn Hospital Center
121 DeKalb Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-250-8764

Dr. Ginger Gillespie
Institute for Family Health
2006 Madison Avenue
New York, NY
10035 212-633-0800

Dr. Katerina Silverblatt
Heights Pediatrics
145 Henry Street, Ste 1G
Brooklyn NY 11201
718-858-4924

Dr. Hugh Gilgoff
300 Cadman Plaza West, 17th FL
Brooklyn, NY 11231
929-210-6000

- Westside Family Medicine – 3 locations
- 535 West 110th Street, Suite 1E, 10025
 - 315 West 70th Street, Suite 1B, 10023
 - 55 East 87th Street, Ste 1F, 10028
- 212-280-4740 for all locations

Brooklyn Heights Pediatrics
Dr. Jana Dehovitz
15 Pierrepont Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-237-2122

Dr. Jerry Clements
Village Family Practice
25 5th Avenue, Suite 1E
New York, NY 10003
212-477-1750
(listed on Dr. Sears site as supportive of
alternate vaccine schedule or no vaccines)

Dr. Edna Pytlak
Dr. Brianne O'Connor
Dr. Erin Dalton
Brooklyn Bridge Pediatrics
35 Monroe Place
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-834-1007

Maja Castillo of Tribeca Pediatrics
Chelsea location - 247 W. 26th St.
New York, NY 10001
646-666-8666

Dr. Bernadette Clement
Harlem Pediatric Associates
2235 Frederick Douglass Blvd,
New York, NY 10027
212-678-5437

Dr. Michael Platzman
4960 Broadway, Ste 1C
New York, NY 10034
212-304-0862

Holistic/Medical Pediatricians

Dr. Mark Nesselson
146 W. 95th St, Ste 1A
New York, NY
10025 212-662-2230

Dr. Lawrence Palevsky
info@northportwellnesscenter.com
631-262-8505

Dr. Brett Wortham (House calls in NYC)
Very holistic, neonatologist, takes most insurance
718-780-1000

Pediatrician/family doctor interview sheet



General Information

Name _____ of _____ doctor: _____
Name of _____ practice: _____
Location: _____
Phone: _____
How did you hear of this doctor? _____

Your health insurance company: _____

About the practice

1. Do you take my insurance?..... Y / N
2. Is this a solo or group practice? _____
If solo, who covers when the doctor isn't available? _____

If group, how often will we see other doctors in the practice? _____

3. How many years has the doctor been in practice? _____

4. Does the doctor have any subspecialties? _____

5. What are the office hours? _____

6. What evening or weekend hours are available? _____

7. Are calls for routine/non-emergency questions encouraged? _____

8. How will we reach you if my child gets sick after hours? _____

9. When the doctor's not on call, who covers? _____

10. Which hospitals is the doctor affiliated with? _____

11. Does the doctor see newborns at the hospital or at the first office visit? _____

12. Does the office respond to e-mail?.....Y / N
13. Does the practice have a website?.....Y / N
If yes, what's the URL? _____

14. How do you handle payments, billing, laboratory charges, and insurance claims? _____

About the doctor/type of care given to your baby

1. What do you like best about your job? _____

2. Do you have children? _____

3. Will you be available to discuss behavioral
developments? _____

4. What are your views on:
breastfeeding/bottle-feeding? _____

circumcision? _____

antibiotics? _____

immunizations? _____

parenting methods? _____

childhood obesity? _____

getting babies to sleep? _____

alternative medicine? _____

5. What parenting books or other resources do you
recommend on baby or child care? _____

Questions to ask yourself

1. Was everything clean?Y / N
2. Is the waiting room pleasant and kid-friendly?Y / N
3. Were there toys and books to keep kids occupied? Y / N
4. Were the staff and nurses helpful and patient?Y / N
5. Was parking readily available?Y / N
6. How long did you have to wait? _____
7. Did your child respond well to the doctor?Y / N
8. Did your child respond well to the nurses?Y / N
9. Did the doctor seem to welcome questions?Y / N
10. Did the doctor know the latest medical advances? Y / N
11. Did you like the doctor's communication style?Y / N
12. Did you feel comfortable with the doctor?Y / N

