

interviewing a pediatrician

This is a relationship you are likely to have until your child is a teen, so it makes sense to put time into it. You want a doctor who will make you (and your future child!) feel at ease, who communicates well, and who will support your parenting style. Go prepared with these questions:

Do you take my insurance?

How long have you been practicing?

Do you have any sub-specialties?

What are your office hours?

Do you have same-day sick visits?

When should well appointments be scheduled?

What if my baby is sick when the office is closed?

Do you have separate waiting rooms for well and sick patients?

How long is your average wait time?

Do you answer questions through email? If I leave a message, how long does it normally take to return the call?

Will you meet baby at the hospital or the first well appointment?

How do you feel about . . .

Pacifiers?

Circumcision?

Alternative medicine?

Antibiotics?

Immunizations?

Breastfeeding?