



## Immunization Policy Update

The physicians of Southwest Children's Center are deeply committed to our patients and their families. We are dedicated to making the best decisions regarding your child's health. We bring our medical expertise and years of experience to each encounter, while you bring your most precious possessions, your children. We are honored by your trust and confidence in us. Our goal at Southwest Children's Center is healthy children and strong families. We can only accomplish this goal by providing a SAFE medical home where over 48,000 visits occur each year. These visits include the most vulnerable patients of our practice and in our society; infants too young for vaccinations, medically-fragile children and immunocompromised children and caregivers.

**Therefore, effective immediately, Southwest Children's Center will no longer accept new patients whose parents choose not to vaccinate. We have considered this decision carefully with the primary concern of safety for ALL our patients and their families. In addition, we will ask established families who choose not to vaccinate to speak with their child's pediatrician about their concerns regarding immunizations, and we will strongly encourage them to implement the CDC Immunization Catch-up Schedule.**

We understand that our new Immunization Policy will not be acceptable for some families and if this is the case, we will gladly transfer your child's medical records to another primary care provider. As always, it is a pleasure to care for your family and we are honored that you entrust the care of your children to Southwest Children's Center.