



Annapolis Pediatrics Newsletter

Summer 2005

Forms

Summer is in full swing. This means it is time to think about forms...camp, sports, and school/college. Due to the volume of forms we receive (upwards of 40 per day), and the time required by nursing staff to complete, we now have a fee of \$5.00 per form for completion. Office policy requires two weeks for completion of these forms, although many times they will be completed sooner.

Completed forms may be picked up at the office, or they can be mailed with a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you want these faxed, you must complete a form entitled, "Release of Authorized Health Information," available on our web site. Here are some guidelines to help in the completion of your child's forms:

- Write your child's name on EACH form.
- When was your child's last PE (physical exam)? While the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends a PE every two years for ages 6 and up, your child's school or camp may require a PE within the past twelve months. Therefore, as soon as you receive the form, **READ EACH FORM CAREFULLY FOR INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS.**
- Be sure to schedule your PE early, as our schedules fill up quickly.
- To participate in school sports, a yearly **SPORTS PHYSICAL** is required by county schools. Many schools set a date for these sports PE's to be performed at school by a local physician for a nominal fee. These are usually performed in late summer, are brief, and are only for the purpose of ensuring an athlete is healthy enough to participate. **THEY DO NOT REPLACE YOUR PEDIATRICIAN'S COMPREHENSIVE PE.**
- Students heading off to college will notice certain requirements on their medical forms. Some colleges require physical exams. ALL require immunization records. Several require lab tests. Many colleges will require your child receive a PPD (Mantoux) test for tuberculosis. This requires an appointment for placing the test, AND a return visit 48-72 hours later for reading the test.
- School Medication Administration Forms. Please complete the top portion and include the medication name, strength, form (liquid, chewable, inhaler, etc.) and the time of administration at school. Your provider will then review and complete the form.

Summer Hours

Effective May 16, 2005 through October 16, 2005, we have summer hours in the Annapolis office. We will be closing at 7 pm Monday through Thursday in the Annapolis office, with Friday (7:30 am – 5 pm), Saturday (8am -1 pm), and Sunday (9am -11 am) hours remaining the same. Our 9 pm hours Monday through Thursday will begin on October 17, 2005.

Menactra

Our practice has begun dispensing the menactra vaccine, following the American Academy of Pediatrics. This means universal vaccination for 11-12 year olds, those entering high school, and college freshmen. Since not all insurances cover this vaccine at this time, a waiver must be signed by parents receiving the vaccine, stating that they will be financially responsible for any fees associated with the vaccine.

Board Certification

Congratulations to Priya Wagner, M.D., who recently passed the exam for Board Certification in Pediatrics.

Joan Greene, CPNP

We again welcome Joan Greene, CPNP back to the practice for summer, 2005. Joan helps us see patients during the busy Physical Exam season. Joan looks forward to seeing new and existing patients.

Bowie Baysox

This year, we are a sponsor of the Bowie Baysox, the AA Affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles. You can see our ad in their program.

We also have two “giveaway” nights planned, on Saturday evenings July 9, and August 20, both vs. the New Britain Rock Cats. Visit our table in the main concourse for some special gifts from Annapolis Pediatrics.

Waugh Chapel Office

We continue to see growth in all offices within our practice, but especially in our newly expanded Waugh Chapel office.

It is located in the Anne Arundel Medical Center Building, Suite 240, at the Village of Waugh Chapel.

Comment, Questions, Concerns

Please feel free to contact Jerry Bozek, Administrator, at jbozek@aahs.org, for any feedback relating to Annapolis Pediatrics.