

Choosing a doctor for your baby before the baby is born

Dear Expectant Parent(s):

The relationship between you and your baby's provider (pediatrician/family medicine physician) is important and should last for many years. As such, you will want to make sure you like and trust your baby's doctor; i.e. that your way of thinking, personalities and style of communication are a good "fit". Family, friends and/or your doctor/midwife can help with this important decision. Remember, you can always change to a different doctor if you discover that the "fit" is not good.

We recommend that you choose and meet your baby's doctor in a prenatal visit well before your due date, ideally during the second trimester of your pregnancy (3-6 months) and definitely by the time you reach 34 weeks gestation (6 weeks before your due date) so you have the opportunity to ask any questions about their practice.

If your planned pediatrician does offer "prenatal visits", ask if they come to MAH to see your new baby or whether they plan to have the baby cared for our in-house team. Most private pediatric offices are no longer coming into the hospital to see newborns after delivery but will plan on seeing the baby 1-2 days after discharge.

Sincerely,



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