



## *14 Questions to Ask Your Primary Care Physician*

1. Do you see many graduate NICU babies? What gestational age do you see most often?
2. Do you have a list of specialists you use to refer? (Parents, ask to first be referred to specialists covered by your insurance)
3. Is there good communication between your office and specialists you refer patients too? Are parents expected to deliver messages and documentation?
4. Do you offer RSV shots? What ages?
5. Do you require that families pre-pay for the RSV shots or will you bill them after submitting to their insurance company?
6. Which area hospitals do you have rights to practice? (Parents, check to see if these hospitals take your insurance)
7. Do you visit your patients after they are admitted to the hospital?
8. Are you comfortable treating issues with g-tubes, funduplications, GERD (reflux), poor weight gain, etc.?
9. Is there a separate waiting room for well and sick kids?
10. During the time of year you are most busy, what is the maximum wait time? Are walk ins and evening/weekend hours available?
11. Do you have a place in house where you do lab work and x-rays or do we have to go somewhere off location from your office building?
12. Do we have to pay office visit costs for non-visit pharmacy call ins, referrals, or questions?
13. Do you provide a phone number for families to call when their child is ill after hours?
14. Do you allow Emergency Room Physicians to call you at any hour for advice when your patients are in the emergency room?

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