



## CHOOSING A PEDIATRICIAN

### - IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER -

- What is the doctor's policy on taking and returning phone calls? Is there a nurse who routinely answers questions?
- Are the office's hours convenient for your own schedule? If you are a full time working parent, you may desire evening or weekend hours.
- Is the doctor in a large group or individual practice?
- What is the doctor's stance on vaccines? Does the doctor require standard vaccinations or do they allow for you to delay, separate or decline vaccinations if desired?
- Do you sense a genuine interest by the doctor in the problems of your child?
- Can you make an appointment on short notice if your child needs to see the pediatrician that day?
- Does the doctor communicate clearly?
- Do you feel like the doctor makes an effort to ensure that all your questions are answered?
- If it becomes necessary for your child to be hospitalized, where would he/she be admitted? What hospital(s) does your doctor have privileges at?
- Do you feel rushed or that your doctor is always in a big hurry?