Grace Point Pediatrics Immunization Schedule

The following schedule is based on current recommendations from the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

1 month: 2nd Hepatitis B (if Hepatitis B #1 is given at birth)

2, 4, and 6 months: Pentacel, Prevnar, and Rotateq

9 months: 3rd Hepatitis B **12 months:** ProQuad, Hepatitis A

15 months: Prevnar and DTap **18 months:** HIB and Hepatitis A final dose

4 years: ProQuad and Quadracel **10 years:** TdaP (required for middle school)

11 years: Menactra **12 years:** Gardasil (2 doses, 6 months apart)

16 years: Menactra- 2nd dose

Pentacel = combined DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis), IPV (Polio), and HIB (H.flu type B)
Prevnar = Pneumococcal pneumonia
Rotateq = oral vaccine for Rotavirus

Proguad = combined MMR and Varicella Quadracel = combined DTaP and IPV

Menactra = Meningococcal meningitis Gardasil = HPV

Our vaccine policy:

We believe that immunizations are an important tool in protecting children and communities from potentially deadly diseases. We also believe that the safety and life saving nature of vaccines well outweighs any associated risks. Alternative vaccine schedules (i.e. Dr. Sears) have not been researched and they needlessly prolong the amount of time a child is susceptible to deadly diseases. Giving a child multiple immunizations at one visit is not overwhelming to a child's immune system. We know that a child's stress and pain response to receiving two or three injections at one time is the same as when they receive one injection. Spacing out immunizations increases the number of times the child has to get immunizations and puts them through more stressful experiences than are needed. In short, Dr. Allen feels that it is needlessly cruel to make a child have double or triple the number of "shot visits" for no medical reason. For these reasons we do not follow alternative vaccine schedules unless medically indicated. If you have questions about specific vaccines or vaccine safety, feel free to ask!