

Interviewing a Pediatrician

Doctor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Appointment date/time: _____

OFFICE:

What type of practice is it? (solo/group) solo group

Is the office convenient? yes no

What are the hours: _____

Are they flexible in accommodating your schedule?: yes no

Is the office staff/nurses friendly, courteous, helpful? yes no

Were you kept waiting long? yes no

Is the office environment clean and comfortable? yes no

Is the waiting area child-friendly? yes no

How are routine appointments scheduled?

Do they schedule all appointments at the same time? (well baby vs. sick baby)

BASIC QUESTIONS: How long have you been in practice?

What additional training do you have?

If solo practitioner, who will cover for you when you're not available?

Phone number: _____

If a group practice, how often will I see the other doctors?

How available are you to answer my questions?

When is the best time to reach you? _____

How do I reach you if I need to? _____

Phone #: _____

Who takes your calls after office hours? _____

Which hospitals are you affiliated with? _____

How do you feel about circumcision? _____

What are your views about breastfeeding? _____

Would you recommend any classes, activities, literature for babies/children that might benefit me? yes no

Which ones? _____ Will you be the one to see my baby in the hospital after he/she is born? _____

Will you agree to allow me to hold-off on immediate routine newborn procedures (ie: vitamin K shot, etc) until I have had a chance to bond with my baby (1-2 hours)? yes no

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE:

Did you feel comfortable with the doctor? yes no

Do you feel you can ask a question without feeling embarrassed? yes no

Did they take the time to talk to you? yes no

Did you feel like they were rushing you through the appointment? yes no

Did they answer your questions completely? yes no

Final comments: _____

Rating: (scale from 1-10; 10 being the highest, 1 being the lowest): _____

Decision: yes no