

Tuscaloosa Pediatrics Newborn Guidelines Policy

The Physicians of Tuscaloosa Pediatrics strongly believe in our motto "**Providing You a Healthy Start in Life**". A healthy start means following the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Alabama Department of Public Health recommendations for all newborns. We require that all of our newborn patients receive the following after birth:

- Vitamin K shot to prevent brain bleeds
- Erythromycin eye ointment to prevent infant blindness
- Newborn Screen blood test at birth and 2 weeks of age to screen for multiple genetic and metabolic diseases
- Pulse oximetry (oxygen level) test to screen for congenital heart disease
- Hearing test to screen for hearing loss
- Hepatitis B vaccine
- Exam in our office within 1-3 days after discharge from hospital or within 1-2 days after birth if homebirth

We appreciate the trust you have put in us to care for your children. Should you have any questions about the above, please feel free to call our office.

Thank you,
The Physicians of Tuscaloosa Pediatrics