

Well Child Visits: occur more frequently in this age range. Your child should see the doctor for visits immediately in the first 3-5 days of life after birth, at 2 weeks of age, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 24 months, 30 months, then yearly starting at 3 years. If you are worried about your child's health, don't wait until the next scheduled visit – call the doctor or nurse right away.

Measurements

- **Weight and height:** At every well child visit
- **Head circumference:** At every well child visit from birth to 2 years
- **Body Mass Index (BMI):** At every well child visit starting at 2 years

Blood Pressure: Annually starting at 3 years

Vision and hearing screens: Annually starting at 3 years

Developmental surveillance: At every well child visit

Autism screening: At 18 month and 24 month visits

Newborn screening: At birth to detect a panel of rare diseases. Your pediatrician should receive the results, which take 1-4 weeks to return.

Anemia screening: At 1 year well visit and additional follow up if risk factors (excessive cow's milk intake, picky eaters, vegan or vegetarian diet).

Lead screening: At 1 year and 2 year well visits, depending on risk factors (housing built before 1978, poor nutrition, recent immigration to US).

Tuberculosis screening: If risk factors present (recent immigration from or travel outside the US or close contact with someone recently immigrated, children infected with HIV).

Nutrition counseling: At every well child visit

Overweight screening and counseling: Should be done annually starting at age 2 and BMI greater than 85% for age and gender.

Oral health: Children should start seeing a dentist between 1-2 years and every 6 months thereafter.

Tobacco exposure screening: Screening for exposure of children to tobacco smoke at every well visit.

Maternal Depression screening: Doctors should screen all new mothers for depression.

Social and safety screenings: At every well child visit

Immunizations: Young children should receive all immunizations according to the CDC schedule and parents are advised not to delay or withhold vaccinations unless medically indicated.