



Health Partners Plans

2013 PEDIATRIC PREVENTIVE CARE GUIDELINE

Counseling/Anticipatory Guidance

The following topics should be discussed and reinforced at age appropriate intervals throughout childhood:

1. Injury Prevention

- Child safety car seats (age 0-3) & child booster seats (ages 4-7), including air bag warning; Pennsylvania's child passenger protection law
- Sleep positioning – place healthy infants on back when putting to sleep and discuss "Back to Sleep" "Recommendations from American Academy of Pediatrics related to SIDS risk reduction."
- Flame retardant sleepwear
- Hot water heater temperature <120-1300F
- Window/stair guards, pool fence for young children
- Safe storage of drugs, toxic substances, firearms, and matches
- Poison control phone number; syrup of Ipecac
- Protection from UV light; infants < 6 months should be kept out of direct sunlight
- Lap-shoulder belts (age ≥5 years)
- Bicycle helmet
- Avoid bicycling near traffic
- Smoke detector
- CPR training for parents/caretakers
- See AAP injury prevention program (TIPP®) as described in "A Guide to Safety Counseling in Office Practice" (1994)

2. Diet and Exercise

- Breastfeeding; Iron enriched formula and foods (infants and toddlers)
- Review of exercise or physical activity; Counseling
- Limit fat and cholesterol; review physical activity age 2 years & up
- Maintain caloric balance, emphasize grains, fruits, vegetables, regular physical activity
- See the AAP Handbook of Nutrition, 5th Edition

3. Violence Prevention

- Physical and Sexual
- See AAP Statement "The Role of the Pediatrician in Youth Violence Prevention in Clinical Practice and at the Community Level" (1999)

4. Substance Use

- Effects of passive smoking and anti-tobacco message

5. Dental Health

- Advice about baby bottle tooth decay
- Parents instructed on gum and teeth care
- Regular visits to dental care provider beginning at 1 year old
- Floss, brush with fluoride toothpaste daily

Adapted From:

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