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Common pediatric illness, common medication dosing charts, vaccine information sheets and more!

12 MONTH WELL CHILD CHECK

Newborn Knowledge

FEVER with NO other symptoms!!! 9 out of 10 children will get ROSEOLA (most commonly around 9 months of age). This is caused by a virus that gives kids a HIGH fever for 3-4 days, followed by a rash when the fever breaks. Read about it on our website for more details if your child develops this illness.

Common Cold!!! Remember, you have Dr. Lam's "Fever" and "Upper Respiratory Infection" handouts available on the website www.kapaapediatrics.com for an in depth reference © Don't forget to remember the following general tips:

- 1. Most common colds last for 5-10 days, with symptoms at their worst on days 4-6.
- 2. Fever often accompanies a common cold, but these three scenarios should have you calling for an appointment!
 - a. Long Fevers: starts at the beginning of the illness and last LONGER than 3 days
 - b. Late Fevers: occurs for the FIRST TIME after your child has been sick for a few days
 - c. Returning Fevers: goes away after 1-3 days but then RETURNS late in the illness
- Worried about pneumonia??? Try not to focus only on the cough. Instead look at their overall respiratory EFFORT (Breathing fast and hard? Retractions? Grunting?). Schedule as appointment ASAP for any respiratory distress, even if it is on day 1 of illness.
- 4. Ear infections can commonly occur with a cold, especially if there is a lot of RUNNY NOSE and CONGESTION. They often occur AFTER 3-5 days of illness.
- 5. At this age there is no treatment for the common cold, which is caused by a virus.

BURNS! There is a good chance your child will get a burn during their first few years of life. Remember the following tip, for almost EVERY type and degree of burn the best thing to do is IMMEDIATELY put the burn under cold <u>running</u> water for 10-15 minutes. Do this BEFORE calling your doctor.

SAFETY!!!

 BATTERIES and MAGNETS! If your child swallows any battery or magnet it can be extremely dangerous and it is a medical EMERGENCY!!! Keep them out of reach, think about small electronics that have small circular batteries.

Home Checklist:

- □ Stairs blocked off with gates
- Electrical outlets have safety inserts
- □ Small objects kept out of reach
- Cleaning products locked away in cabinets
- Windows: severe injuries can occur when kids fall through windows, move couches and chairs away from windows. Check screens and place window guards if necessary.
- Car Seats: use rear facing car seat in back seat until at least 1 years old AND 20 pounds. If your child is happy rear facing we recommended leaving them rear facing until 2 years as it is <u>MUCH</u> safer for the head and neck. Never put baby in front seat with passenger air bag.
- Avoid Burns: set hot water heater to 120 max
- Poison Control Center: 1-800-222-1222

Dr. Lam's Top 5 Parenting Priorities

- 1. Be present: spend twice as much time and half as much money on your child
- Healthy foods makes healthy kids: continue to work towards a whole food plant base diet for your child
- 3. Sleep is your friend: have a strict nap and bed time routine from ages 1-5 years old
- Reading Rules: read at least 2 times per day to your child and let your child see you reading every day
- Media OFF, Exercise ON: no media until 2 years of age, when you fix the media problem, you will no longer have an exercise problem