

Pediatrician Interview Questions

- Why did they become a pediatrician?
- Do they have a sub-specialty or any special medical interest?
- How long have they been practicing medicine?
- Do they have any children? (Bonus points if they are a parent of multiples)
- Are they authorized to work at the hospital you are delivering at?
- Do they have any preemie experience?
- What is their philosophy on...Feeding? (breastfeeding, bottle, a hybrid), Sleep? (Cry it out, co-sleeping), Immunizations?
- How much time do they allow for appointments?
- Ask for patient referrals (To find out if the doc rushes you out of the office, etc...)
- On average, how long is the wait in the waiting room?
- Do they have a separate waiting area for sick children? Do they put them right in the exam room?
- For sick visits, will you be seeing a nurse practitioner or a doctor? How is that determined?
- How can you stay in contact with them for small questions? Email? Website? Telephone?
- What after-hours contact is available?
- If you have to take the twins alone to the doctor, how can they assist you?

Things to think about after the interview...

- How close is the office to your home?
- What days and hours are they open? Do they offer open sick hours every day? Are they open on weekends and evenings?
- How long did you have to wait?
- Did you have a good feeling about the desk staff and nurses?
- How was your doctor's attitude towards the interview?
- Would you feel confident if this doctor had to handle your child's emergency?

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