How your toddler grows

Every visit counts!

The well-child visit can help your child stay healthy. We’ve listed below some of the things your child’s doctor might review during each toddler well-child visit.

The Well-Child Visit

15 months

• Give your toddler a physical exam
• Measure and write down your toddler’s height, weight, and head size (circumference)
• Ask about your toddler’s:
  – Eating habits (What and how much does your toddler eat?)
  – Sleeping habits (How many hours does your toddler sleep?)
  – Diaper habits (How often does your toddler have a poopy diaper?)
• Give your toddler recommended shots (vaccinations)
• Check how your toddler is growing and developing (Does your toddler say at least 3 words? Does your toddler walk alone?)
• Answer any of your questions or concerns

18 months

• Give your toddler a physical exam
• Measure and write down your toddler’s height, weight, and head size (circumference)
• Ask about your toddler’s:
  – Eating habits (How many meals does your toddler eat each day?)
  – Sleeping habits (How many naps does your toddler take?)
  – Diaper habits (Are your toddler’s diapers dry for longer periods?)
• Give your toddler recommended shots (vaccinations)
• Check how your toddler is growing and developing (Does your toddler say at least 10 words? Does your toddler scribble with a crayon?)
• Answer any of your questions or concerns
The Well-Child Visit

2 years

- Give your toddler a physical exam
- Measure and write down your toddler’s height, weight, and head size (circumference). The doctor might also check your toddler’s body mass index (BMI).
- Ask about your toddler’s:
  - Eating habits (Does your toddler occasionally skip meals?)
  - Sleeping habits (Is your toddler getting at least 13 hours of sleep?)
  - Diaper habits (Does your toddler tell you his or her diaper is wet or dry?)
- Give your toddler recommended shots (vaccinations)
- Check how your toddler is growing and developing (Does your toddler say at least 50 words? Does your toddler know how to run?)
- Answer any of your questions or concerns

3 years

- Give your toddler a physical exam
- Measure and write down your toddler’s height and weight. The doctor might also check your toddler’s body mass index (BMI).
- Ask about your toddler’s:
  - Eating habits (What kind of snacks is your toddler eating?)
  - Sleeping habits (Does your toddler still take a nap?)
  - Bathroom habits (Has your toddler started potty training?)
- Give your toddler recommended shots (vaccinations)
- Check how your toddler is growing and developing (Can your toddler join 3 words together to make a sentence? Can your toddler walk up stairs?)
- Check your toddler’s blood pressure and vision
- Answer any of your questions or concerns

To help prepare for each of your child’s visits, write down any questions that you may have to review with your child’s doctor.

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