



Choosing Your Baby’s Doctor: The Michigan Plan for Appropriate and Tailored Healthcare in Pregnancy (MiPATH)

Before your baby is born, you will need to choose a doctor for your baby. You have many different choices, so it is important that you make this decision before your baby is born.

Your baby will need to have their first newborn visit a few days after discharge from the hospital. At this visit, your doctor will do an examination, a weight check, and follow up on any health care concerns identified at the hospital. Your baby will see their primary care provider (PCP) for well visits every few months during their first year of life.

Use this grid to make the choice that is best for your family. At University of Michigan Health, you have 3 options for your baby’s PCP: A Family Physician, a “Med-Peds” Doctor, or a Pediatrician.

	Family Physician	Med-Peds Doctor	Pediatrician
What care does this type of PCP provide?	Board-certified doctors who care for children and adults.	Board-certified doctors who care for children and adults.	Board-certified doctors who care for children up to age 18-21.
Will my baby’s PCP see my baby in the hospital?	A member of your doctor’s group will see your baby in the hospital.		
Where are the U-M Health office locations for this PCP?	Offices in Ann Arbor (2 locations), Chelsea, Dexter, Livonia, and Ypsilanti.	Offices in Ann Arbor and Canton.	Offices in Ann Arbor (4 locations), Brighton, Canton, Howell, Northville, Saline, and Ypsilanti.

Can this PCP also provide care for me?	Family doctors can be the PCP for you and your baby.	Med-Peds doctors can be the PCP for you and your baby.	Pediatricians cannot be PCP for adults.
Who can choose this PCP?	You can select the PCP of your choice for your baby. If your baby has special health or medical needs, your PCP will work with other specialists or health care professionals to provide excellent comprehensive care.		

If you have questions about which PCP to select for your baby, you can ask your prenatal care provider for a recommendation. You can also ask family members, friends, or other community members for recommendations. Make sure that the office location, office hours, and insurance network work for you and your family.

You may need to check with the doctor’s office to make sure they are accepting new newborn patients. When you come to the hospital for the birth of your baby, the nurse will ask for the name of your newborn’s PCP and alert a member of their group to care for your baby.

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