



Practice News

- **FLU SHOTS ARE IN!** We are currently scheduling flu shot appointments. You may schedule by calling the office or through your patient portal account beginning in October. [Click here for directions on scheduling your child's flu shot through the patient portal.](#)
 - Our same day cancellation/no show fee has *increased to \$50* due to a rise in the amount of no show appointments we are seeing. We appreciate your understanding.
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Welcome Dr. Lauren Head!

We are happy to announce the recent addition of our newest physician, Dr. Lauren Head. She is originally from Georgia and attended the University of Georgia for undergrad. She is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and completed her pediatric residency at Indiana University. She is very excited to return to her home state. Her areas of special interest include breastfeeding support, global health, and adolescent medicine. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Head when you meet her at our Marietta location starting in October!

Understanding Beyfortus (nirsevimab)



Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is the leading cause of hospitalization among U.S. infants. In July 2023, the Food and Drug Administration approved nirsevimab, a long-acting monoclonal antibody, for passive immunization to prevent RSV-associated lower respiratory tract infection among infants and young children.

Nirsevimab is recommended for all infants whose mother's did not receive the maternal RSV vaccine aged <8 months who are born during or entering their first RSV season and for infants and children at least 8 months of age but not yet 24 months of age who are at increased risk for severe RSV disease entering their second RSV season, such as those born preterm, those who are severely immunocompromised, or those with heart disease.

We will be giving Beyfortus from October through March. Your child can receive this at a wellness visit if due within that time period, or you may schedule a nurse visit to receive Beyfortus.



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