



FALL

PRIORITY PEDIATRICS

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WELCOME TO OUR
FALL Newsletter



Toni Evelyn, DNP, APRN

Dear Families,

It's that time of year again! Kids are nervous and parents are excited. Back to school is our favorite season. We are so excited for this new school year, and to continue seeing your family thrive. This newsletter is designed to keep you informed and engaged in your child's care!

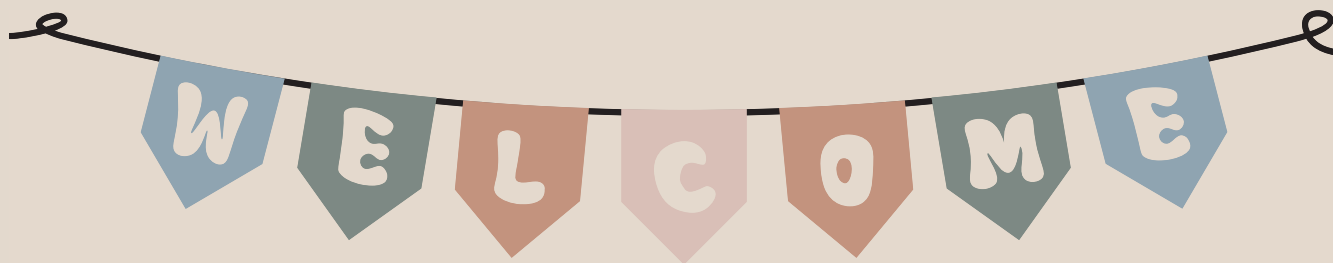
In each issue, you can expect to find helpful tips and updates on health and wellness, as well as exciting updates about our practice. Thank you for trusting us with your child's health.

With love, Priority Pediatrics

PRACTICE UPDATES THIS NEWSLETTER

1. WELCOME MS. ELENA!
2. NEWBORN CIRCUMCISION
3. TIPS TO AVOID THE BACK TO SCHOOL GERMS
4. PEDIATRIC DENTAL HEALTH UPDATES
5. MOLLUSCUM TREATMENT RESULTS
6. KIDS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS





Ms. Elena

Ms. Elena Meredith, APRN

We are SO thrilled to welcome a new Provider to our practice!

Elena Meredith, APRN is a Family Nurse Practitioner with over 7 years experience in Pediatric Primary Care. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from South University and is board certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Elena received her undergraduate degree in nursing at the College of Central Florida. She has 11 years of acute care experience in the pediatric and adult emergency department. She is an active member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

In her spare time, she spends time on her pecan farm with her husband Mike and her two sons, Declan and Chase. She loves to ride horses and play with all her farm animals.



Refer a friend for \$25

Do you know a family who would be a great fit for our office? We'd love to have them here.

**REFER A FRIEND AND
RECIEVE \$25 OFF YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**



We are offering newborn circumcision to our members AND non-members

Patients of other practices are welcome to schedule with us for their newborns up to 6 weeks of age

Newborn Circumcision

Ensure your baby boy's health and comfort with our gentle circumcision services. Our team will guide parents and families through our convenient and pain-free process. We specialize in a compassionate, supportive environment for parents before, during and after the procedure.

Benefits of Circumcision:

- Promotes hygiene and reduces infection risk
- May lower risk for certain medical conditions in the future

Call to schedule:
352-664-2281

Find out more at
www.prioritypedsocala.com

TIPS TO AVOID THE

Back to School Germs

Good health habits

Encourage healthy habits by promoting a well balanced diet, healthy sleep hygiene and adequate hydration to boost the immune system

Educate

Teach your children about germs and how to avoid the spread with hand hygiene

Stay Up to Date

Stay up to date on recommended and seasonal vaccines

Disinfect

Clean Personal Items by disinfecting backpacks, lunchboxes and electronics regularly

Stay home when sick

Avoid going to school with a fever or when feeling unwell to avoid the spread

What does Dr. Desiree say?



Can I give my baby a pacifier?

Pacifiers can be helpful in soothing babies and are encouraged in newborns to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) recommends gradually reducing pacifier use starting at 6 months, with children ideally stopping before or no later than their 3rd birthday. Early cessation of pacifier use can help prevent issues with teeth alignment and jaw growth issues. Pacifiers have age based recommendations to help minimize the negative side effects on the growth of the mouth. To help prevent severe dental issues make sure your child is using the right size pacifier for their age.

Schedule a consultation with Dr. Desiree at Ocala Kids Dentistry for personalized advice.



Desiree McMillen, DMD

As a trusted pediatric dentist in Ocala, FL, Dr. Desiree recognizes that every smile is unique and provides care that is tailored to your child's needs. Dr. Desiree is well-known for her kind, caring, and gentle personality. Having a family of her own, she loves being able to learn about other families and helping children achieve their best smiles.



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Before



After

New Molluscum Treatment Results

MOLLUSCUM CONTAGIOSUM IS A COMMON CHILDHOOD VIRAL INFECTION WHICH PRIMARILY AFFECTS THE SKIN AND RESULTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL, RAISED PAINLESS BUMPS OR LESIONS

Candida Antigen refers to a specific type of protein that can be derived from the Candida species, specifically Candida albicans and is commonly associated with immune response to fungal infections.

By injecting Candida albicans to the molluscum directly, the body rejects the virus and clears the skin lesions through immune response!

Unlike topical treatment of molluscum that can cause blistering, pain and scarring, this treatment is as simple as an intradermal injection with a very small needle for a virtually painless procedure.

Call to schedule your evaluation and treatment or text your provider!

Kids Say the Darndest Things!

(courtesy of Priority Pediatrics patients)

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*“My Mom gives me poop drops!”
-Who knew probiotics could create
such fun?!”*

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“Can I please use the hanitizer?”

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*“I like playing at
your office with
the midget
spinners”*

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