



Follow-Up Appointment: Cardiology

The neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) team celebrates with you as your baby goes home! Because your baby is a NICU graduate, he or she is at higher risk for certain problems after discharge. That's why your baby needs important follow-up appointments to ensure his or her best health.

Why does my baby need this appointment?

A *pediatric cardiologist* is a children's doctor who is also an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of nonsurgical heart problems.

Where is the appointment?

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

When is the appointment?

Date: _____ Time: _____

You will need to call the pediatric cardiology office to schedule your baby's appointment.

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Important Things to Remember

- Each follow-up appointment with pediatric cardiology is important and is in addition to well-child check-ups with your baby's primary care provider.
- If you are unable to keep this important follow-up appointment, please call to reschedule.
- Always take your baby for future heart examinations as directed by the pediatric cardiologist.
- Bring a list of your baby's current medicines, dose, and time you gave the last dose with you to the appointment. Make sure you tell the staff if you need refills.
- If your baby takes special medications to help the heart pump better, always follow the directions on the bottle or container that came from the pharmacy.

The above information is provided to help you better understand your baby's care. Always follow the instructions given by your baby's provider and ask questions if you have concerns about your baby.

Online Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics
www.aap.org

Kids Health
www.kidshealth.org