



## Follow-Up Appointment: Gastroenterology

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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 gastroenterologist* is a children's doctor who is also an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of stomach and intestinal problems.

### Where is the appointment?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### When is the appointment?

- Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_
- You need to call the pediatric gastroenterology office to schedule your baby's appointment.
- The pediatric gastroenterology office will call you to schedule your baby's appointment.

### Important Things to Remember

- Each follow-up appointment with pediatric gastroenterology 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 follow-up examinations as directed by the pediatric gastroenterologist.
- Bring a list of your baby's current medicines with you to the appointment. Make sure you tell the staff if you need refills.

*This information is provided to help you better understand your baby's care. Always follow the directions given by your baby's provider. Always share your questions or concerns about your baby with the healthcare provider.*

### Online Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics  
[www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)

Kids Health  
[www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)