Follow-Up Appointment: Primary Care Provider

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 primary care provider* (PCP) is a physician or nurse practitioner who is an expert in caring for babies, infants, and children as they grow and develop.

Where is the appointment?	
Name:	
Street Address:	
Phone Number:	
When is the appointment?	
□ Date:	Time:
☐ You will need to call your pediatric PCP office to schedule your baby's appointment.	
☐ The pediatric PCP office will call you to schedule your baby's appointment.	

Important Things to Remember

- Each follow-up appointment with pediatric PCP is important and is part of your baby's well-child check-ups.
- If you are unable to keep this important follow-up appointment, please call to reschedule.
- Always take your baby for future examinations as directed by the pediatric PCP.
- Bring a list of your baby's current medicines with you to the appointment. Make sure you tell the staff if you need refills.

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

Baby Steps to Home Step 9