

PALMETTO PEDIATRICS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

CO – PARENTING POLICY

Co-parenting is a common fact in our society today. At Palmetto Pediatrics, we do not know the circumstances of your parenting, nor do we need to unless it concerns the health of our patient, your child. Our focus is on the health of our patient, your child.

What to expect and not expect from Palmetto Pediatrics

- * Your child's health and well-being are our only concern.
- * Our office will NOT be a messenger between parents.
- * We will provide all information regarding any treatment in question to the parent(s) ATTENDING THE APPOINTMENT. The doctor will not participate in a phone call to review the visit with another parent who did not attend the appointment.
- * We are neutral regarding custody. We will not participate in a custody dispute in any fashion, such as writing letters, affidavits, or testimony.

What we expect from you

- * Your child's well-being is your main concern
- * The adult who brings the child to the appointment is expected to communicate with the other parent(s) the facts about the appointment.
- * Parents are expected to come to an agreement between themselves regarding medical care and parenting styles and not bring the provider into the dispute if the decision is not life-threatening.
- * You will not criticize a co-parent in front of our patient and will keep conversations in our office patient-focused.
- * The adult who bring the patient to the appointment is responsible for paying the visit co-pay. Unpaid balances are expected to be paid in full. We are not a party to your custody agreement and expect you to handle finances between yourselves outside of our office.
- * You will provide copies of relevant court orders regarding custody in a timely fashion.

Families who cannot abide by our policies, who harass our staff, who attempt to weaponize our office against another parent will be dismissed from the practice. By signing this policy, you are stating that you understand this policy

Parent Signature

Date