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9 Month Well Visit

What your baby may be doing now:

- Crawling
- May have some stranger anxiety
- Pulling up to stand
- Waving bye-bye
- Saying mama or dada

Feeding:

- Breastfeeding until 12 months decreases your child's risk of colds and ear infections
- Feed baby 3 meals daily plus snacks
- Offer baby some finger foods, being careful to avoid foods that she could choke on, such as nuts, whole grapes, hot dog rounds, etc.
- Do not give baby honey in the first year of life
- Offer baby liquids in a cup. Limit juice to 2-4 oz/day, and do not give juice in a bottle
- Let your doctor know if your child does not receive at least 8 oz of fluoride-containing water (including water used to mix formula) daily. If not, your baby may need a fluoride supplement.

Parenting:

- Clean baby's teeth with a soft toothbrush or washcloth every day.
- Say "no" to your baby when necessary, and remove him from the situation. [Tips on discipline](#)
- Read books to your baby.
- Take your baby for walks.

Safety

- Use a rear-facing car seat for every ride, even if your child weighs more than 20 lbs.
- Put baby gates on tops and bottoms of stairs
- Do not use a walker- they can tip over and cause injury
- Protect baby from direct sun exposure, and use sun block.

- Prevent choking- keep small objects and toys out of baby's reach.
- Childproof your home-cover outlets, install cabinet latches, etc
- Lower the water heater temperature in your home to 120°F or less, to prevent accidental burns
- Keep the Poison Control Number handy: 1-800-Poison-1

When to call the office:

- If your baby is vomiting, feeding poorly, has trouble breathing, has a rectal temperature over 102°F for longer than a day, is irritable or lethargic, or if you have other concerns.
- For routine questions or for advice on specific symptoms, check out the [Pediatric Advisor](#) section on our website

Vaccines/Tests at this visit:

- [Hepatitis B](#)
- [Polio](#)
- [Flu \(in season\)](#)
- Blood test for lead and anemia
- [PNP Vaccine policy](#)

Your baby may have a mild fever or fussiness after his vaccines today. You may use Tylenol every 4-6 hrs as needed over the next 2 days according to this [dosage chart](#).

Web Resources

- www.preventiveoz.org
- www.zerotothree.org
- www.brightfutures.org
- [Guide to oral health](#)
- [Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Vaccine Website](#)

