



Newborn Well-Child Visit Pre-Appointment Paperwork

Please complete the following forms prior to your child's upcoming well-child visit. All forms are fillable PDFs that can be completed on your computer/smartphone, or you can print this packet and fill it in by hand.

If you are coming to our office, please bring these forms to the appointment.

If you have scheduled a virtual visit, please email the completed forms to your provider's office. Provider emails are available at middlesexhealth.org/wellchild.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Welcome to Middlesex Health Family Medicine

Congratulations on the birth of your child and welcome to our practice!

+ Who We Are

Middlesex Health Family Medicine is an academic teaching practice where Family Medicine, Pediatric, and OB/GYN teaching doctors work with Family Medicine residents out of our three offices in Middletown, Portland, and East Hampton.

We believe that we are a dynamic, innovative, caring group striving to provide excellent care across the lifespan.

+ Visits

We try our best to have all routine well-child visits with your child's primary doctor. If that is impossible, you may see one of our other providers.

We are a popular site for medical students, and so you may also see a student, followed by the resident and/or attending doctor.

We provide you with an age and development-appropriate packet of information at every visit, and we hope you will look through it and ask us questions.

We are a Reach Out and Read site, so we also gift your child with a new book from 6 months to 5 years of age, as our way of saying that the best way to feed a child's brain is to sit with them and interact with a book every day.

+ Contacting Us

- **During the day** your health-related questions will first be answered by our very knowledgeable triage nurses. They then pass the information to your provider, either as an FYI or to ask them to contact you.
- **After-hours concerns** go through the answering service, and they will direct your question to one of our resident doctors.

We encourage you to activate the **patient portal** for your child so you can also communicate by email and see some of the medical chart. To set up the portal, please visit middlesexhealth.org/mychart or ask your provider at your next visit.

If you cannot make a scheduled visit, please call cancel it so you do not incur a "no-show" penalty.

Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)

Child's Name:

Child's Date of Birth:

Parent's Name:

OB/GYN (If applicable):

Since you are either pregnant or have recently had a baby, we want to know how you feel. Please place a **CHECK MARK (✓)** on the blank by the answer that comes closest to how you have felt **IN THE PAST 7 DAYS**—*not just how you feel today*. Complete all 10 items and find your score by adding each number that appears in parentheses (#) by your checked answer. This is a screening test; not a medical diagnosis. If something doesn't seem right, *call your health care provider regardless of your score*.

Below is an example already completed.

I have felt happy:
Yes, all of the time _____ (0)
Yes, most of the time (1)
No, not very often _____ (2)
No, not at all _____ (3)

This would mean: "I have felt happy most of the time" in the past week. Please complete the other questions in the same way.

1. I have been able to laugh and see the funny side of things:
As much as I always could _____ (0)
Not quite so much now _____ (1)
Definitely not so much now _____ (2)
Not at all _____ (3)
2. I have looked forward with enjoyment to things:
As much as I ever did _____ (0)
Rather less than I used to _____ (1)
Definitely less than I used to _____ (2)
Hardly at all _____ (3)
3. I have blamed myself unnecessarily when things went wrong:
Yes, most of the time _____ (3)
Yes, some of the time _____ (2)
Not very often _____ (1)
No, never _____ (0)
4. I have been anxious or worried for no good reason:
No, not at all _____ (0)
Hardly ever _____ (1)
Yes, sometimes _____ (2)
Yes, very often _____ (3)
5. I have felt scared or panicky for no good reason:
Yes, quite a lot _____ (3)
Yes, sometimes _____ (2)
No, not much _____ (1)
No, not at all _____ (0)
6. Things have been getting to me:
Yes, most of the time I haven't been able to cope at all _____ (3)
Yes, sometimes I haven't been coping as well as usual _____ (2)
No, most of the time I have coped quite well _____ (1)
No, I have been coping as well as ever _____ (0)

7. I have been so unhappy that I have had difficulty sleeping:
Yes, most of the time _____ (3)
Yes, sometimes _____ (2)
No, not very often _____ (1)
No, not at all _____ (0)
8. I have felt sad or miserable:
Yes, most of the time _____ (3)
Yes, quite often _____ (2)
Not very often _____ (1)
No, not at all _____ (0)
9. I have been so unhappy that I have been crying:
Yes, most of the time _____ (3)
Yes, quite often _____ (2)
Only occasionally _____ (1)
No, never _____ (0)
10. The thought of harming myself has occurred to me: *
Yes, quite often _____ (3)
Sometimes _____ (2)
Hardly ever _____ (1)
Never _____ (0)

TOTAL YOUR SCORE HERE ►

Thank you for completing this survey. Your doctor will score this survey and discuss the results with you.

Verbal consent to contact above mentioned MD witnessed by:

Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) Scoring & Other Information

ABOUT THE EPDS

Studies show that postpartum depression (PPD) affects at least 10 percent of women and that many depressed mothers do not get proper treatment. These mothers might cope with their baby and with household tasks, but their enjoyment of life is seriously affected, and it is possible that there are long term effects on the family.

The Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) was developed to assist health professionals in detecting mothers suffering from PPD; a distressing disorder more prolonged than the “blues” (which can occur in the first week after delivery).

The scale consists of 10 short statements. A mother checks off one of four possible answers that is closest to how she has felt during the past week. Most mothers easily complete the scale in less than five minutes.

Responses are scored 0, 1, 2 and 3 based on the seriousness of the symptom. Items 3, 5 to 10 are reverse scored (i.e., 3, 2, 1, and 0). The total score is found by adding together the scores for each of the 10 items.

Mothers scoring above 12 or 13 are likely to be suffering from depression and should seek medical attention. A careful clinical evaluation by a health care professional is needed to confirm a diagnosis and establish a treatment plan. The scale indicates how the mother felt during the previous week, and it may be useful to repeat the scale after two weeks.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USERS

1. The mother checks off the response that comes closest to how she has felt during the previous seven days.
2. All 10 items must be completed.
3. Care should be taken to avoid the possibility of the mother discussing her answers with others.
4. The mother should complete the scale herself, unless she has limited English or reading difficulties.
5. The scale can be used at six to eight weeks after birth or during pregnancy.

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