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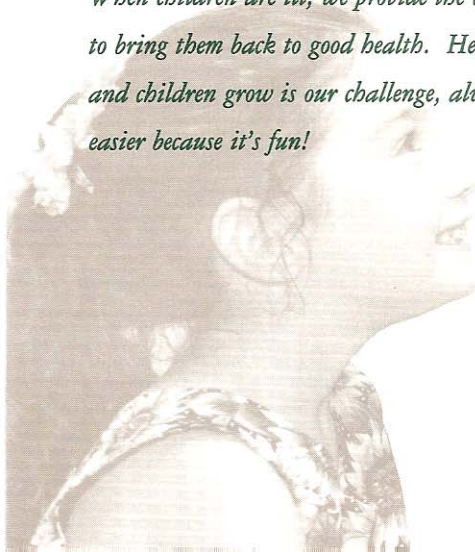


## Welcome to Lahey Hitchcock Pediatrics at Arlington

*We are very pleased that you have chosen our practice to provide pediatric care for your family. As a member of the Lahey Hitchcock Clinic network of physician practices, our role is to help parents raise healthy and happy children.*

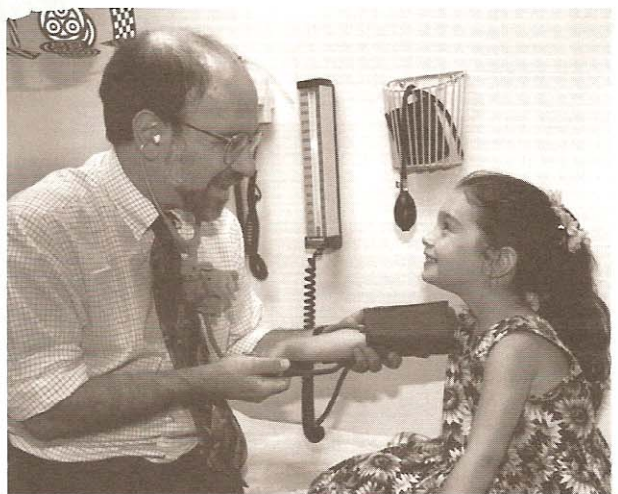
*With the many stresses facing families these days, we want to make ourselves available to help in any way we can. Fortunately, most of our young patients are healthy, so that much of our time is spent counseling parents and children about issues of normal growth and development.*

*When children are ill, we provide the care necessary to bring them back to good health. Helping families and children grow is our challenge, always made easier because it's fun!*



## CONTINUITY OF CARE

To ensure good continuity of care, we ask that you designate one pediatrician to provide care for your child. Your pediatric provider will see your child for each well-child visit, and whenever possible for illness visits as well; should your pediatrician be unavailable, one of the other staff will be glad to see your child.



## OFFICE HOURS

You can make an appointment or ask a question by calling us at 617-643-7700.

Our office is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays.

There is a physician on-call 24 hours a day, including all weekends and holidays, when, although we do not have regularly scheduled hours, one of us is in the office at some time each day to see illness visits. If you suspect a problem with your child's health, please try to call early in the day so that we may better accommodate you. For your convenience, there are X-ray and laboratory facilities on site.

## TELEPHONE AVAILABILITY

The on-call physician can be reached through our answering service at all times. We have a regularly scheduled call-in time each morning from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., when we discuss either acute illness issues or other questions you may have. If you know that you need an appointment for the upcoming day, you can simply leave that message with our answering service and one of the secretaries will call you back as soon as the office opens. Please note: if you do not hear back from us in a timely fashion after calling, please call the answering service again to have us paged; pages occasionally fail to go through. Likewise, if the problem is especially urgent, please let the page operator know.

## EMERGENCIES

If there is a true emergency and you feel that there is not enough time to call us, please go to the nearest hospital emergency room. However, if there is time, a call is always helpful because 1) if you do need an emergency room, your child will receive better care if we have called ahead with details of the illness and any pertinent medical history and 2) we can help assure that you go to a facility where we can provide care for your child, and which is covered by your insurance. In any event, always be sure to inform your insurance carrier of any ER visit.

## REFERRALS

We are fortunate to live in an area which is so rich in medical specialists. However, most insurance carriers now stipulate that all referrals must be approved by the primary provider (us!) prior to a visit, and that the specialist be on that insurance's list of approved providers. To avoid problems later, please be sure that you have discussed any referrals with your physician before making the appointment, and that our office has approved and sent the appropriate referral.

## INSURANCES

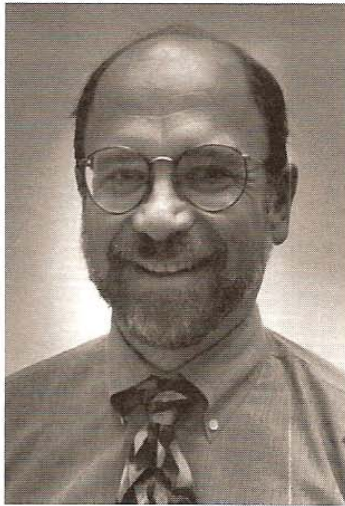
We accept more than 35 insurance plans. Please contact our office with questions about your specific insurance, and do not hesitate to call if you do not see one of our names in your insurance brochure--we may have joined your plan recently.

## HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS

We are affiliated with the following hospitals:

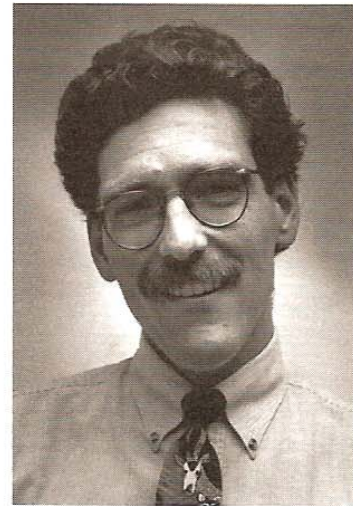
Beth Israel Hospital  
Brigham and Women's Hospital  
Children's Hospital Medical Center  
Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
The Medical Center at Symmes  
Mt. Auburn Hospital





*Robert M. Meyer, M.D., F.A.A.P.*

*Medical School:* University of Pennsylvania  
*Internship and Residency:* Massachusetts General Hospital  
*Chief Residency:* Massachusetts General Hospital  
*Instructor in Pediatrics:* Harvard Medical School  
*Assistant Pediatrician:* Massachusetts General Hospital  
*Board Certified:* American Board of Pediatrics  
*Fellow:* American Academy of Pediatrics



*J. Matthew Schofield, M.D., F.A.A.P.*

*Medical School:* State University of New York  
*Internship and Residency:* Massachusetts General Hospital  
*Instructor in Pediatrics:* Harvard Medical School  
*Assistant Pediatrician:* Massachusetts General Hospital  
*Board Certified:* American Board of Pediatrics  
*Fellow:* American Academy of Pediatrics



*“Thinking of joining our practice,  
but haven’t yet?  
We are pleased to meet with you  
for a prenatal visit,  
or a consultation if you are  
considering transferring  
into our practice.”*



*Janet L. Antonioni, M.D.*

*Medical School:* New York Medical College  
*Internship and Residency:* Maine Medical Center  
*Board Approved:* American Board of Pediatrics  
*Candidate Fellow:* American Academy of Pediatrics