

Would You Take Your Kids To The Chiropractor?

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Charlotte, NC - For little Georgia Phillips going to the chiropractor is as natural as breathing. The toddler started seeing Dr. Tony Hyser as an infant for severe colic and intestinal issues.

Georgia's mother Nicole Phillips says, "When she was 2 weeks old I brought her in out of sheer desperation."

Those symptoms instantly improved and within months her older brother, who suffered from frequent ear infections, also became a patient.

Phillips says, "She is 20 months old today and she's never been on an antibiotic. My son has never been on an antibiotic since he started coming to the chiropractor."

Dr. Hyser's pediatric patients now make up 1/3 of his customer base.

Ailments he treats children for range from asthma and allergies to autism and even bed wetting.

But Hyser says the primary cause for pediatric visits is prevention and treatment of ear infections, "When the other options are antibiotics and surgical implants with tubes I think there's a safer way."

By adjusting the bones in the upper neck Dr. Hyser says he allows the canals in the inner ear to drain so infections don't occur.

Critics say there's not sufficient data to prove alternative therapies work.

Dr. Steven Ezzo says 80% of three year olds run the risk of ear infection and the best treatment is an antibiotic.

Dr. Ezzo says, "For every parent that comes in and tells me they have tried an alternative therapy and it seemed to help, there's another one that comes in and says no we didn't see a difference."

Dr. Ezzo says there are also vaccines and medically tested ways to protect your children from ear infections.

Nichole Phillips says the only proof she needs is her children's health, "We've never really gone to the pediatrician for any kind of illness since we started seeing Dr. Tony."

Dr. Hyser says he believes in traditional medicine, but an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.