By your sixth month of pregnancy (24 weeks), it is important for you to choose a pediatrician for your new baby. The following guidelines should help:

- Your obstetrician or midwife can help you choose a pediatrician who is accepting new patients. Some insurance plans will also help you with this; please call your member services representative. Or, you may call the Brigham and Women's Hospital Physician Referral Service at 1-800-294-9999.
- Try to choose a pediatrician who has privileges at Brigham and Women's Hospital. That pediatrician can then see your baby while you are at the hospital.
- If you select a pediatrician who is not associated with Brigham and Women's Hospital, ask that physician or your obstetrician for a referral, so an affiliated pediatrician can care for your newborn while you are at the Hospital.
- If your doctor or midwife practices at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates and your baby's pediatrician doesn't come to Brigham and Women's Hospital, a Harvard Vanguard Pediatrician will care for your baby in the hospital.
- Call the pediatrician to be sure they accept your baby's insurance.
- Meet your pediatrician in your 6th or 7th month of pregnancy.