

## Vickery Pediatrics ADHD Assessment Protocol

Inattention and focus issues are a common concern in children. It is vital that these concerns be fully discussed in order to determine the cause and create an appropriate plan for your child. While attention deficit is a possibility, it is important to consider other issues such as: social maturity, learning differences, or mood related issues.

Vickery Pediatrics uses the Vanderbilt Assessment Scales to help distinguish the cause of inattention and hyperactivity. It helps provide an accurate picture of how the behavior is affecting daily life for your child as well as your family. In addition, it allows us to examine the impact the behavior is having on learning at school.

This pack has information regarding the diagnosis of ADHD as well as the rating scales for you and your child's teachers.

Vickery Pediatrics protocol for initial ADHD assessment is as follows:

- Please fill out parent rating scales and have your child's teachers fill out their rating scales. Please feel free to make copies of the scales to give to additional teachers if desired.
- Please fax/email/drop off assessments to our office as they become available and schedule an appointment for an initial ADHD evaluation.
- **WE REQUIRE THAT ALL PAPERWORK BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE THE SCHEDULED VISIT.**
- Please also provide any previous diagnostic paperwork, psychoeducational testing results, or other pertinent paperwork if applicable.
- **If your child has been previously diagnosed by another physician or psychologist, full documentation of the diagnosis must be available for review 1 week prior to your visit.**
- Please consider calling your insurance company prior to your initial ADHD appointment for a list of ADHD medications they will cover. If medication is part of your child's plan, this information will help avoid unnecessary additional follow-up visits after diagnosis.

Please feel free to contact us with any other questions.