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Dear Parent,

You have requested an evaluation to assess your child for ADHD or other school performance problems. This is an extensive evaluation that will require you and your child to be at our office for about an hour. We plan to do a comprehensive evaluation which will include conversation regarding your child's behavior and school performance, a physical exam of your child, and an extensive discussion regarding possible diagnoses and treatment options.

ADHD can be very difficult to diagnose because diagnosis relies solely on the parents' description of the problem. There are no tests for ADHD and the physician is rarely able to see the problem behaviors in the office setting. To help us make an accurate diagnosis, we ask that you complete the enclosed questionnaires, labeled "PARENT" and "TEACHER". If you misplace your forms, they can be downloaded from our website www.kidzdoc.com in the For Parents tab under the ADHD heading. They are located under First Evaluation Visit for ADHD and are called Vanderbilt Assessment – PARENT and Vanderbilt Assessment – TEACHER. Because we are unable to make an accurate diagnosis without this information, we will be unable to prescribe medication if these questionnaires are not completed by the time of the visit.

Guidelines for the management of ADHD set out by the American Academy of Pediatrics advise physicians to see children taking ADHD medication in the office every 3 months. Additionally, medications commonly used for ADHD are strictly regulated by the federal government which prohibits physicians from putting refills on prescriptions or calling or faxing prescriptions directly to the pharmacy. These guidelines and regulations are in place to ensure that your child is getting the most benefit from ADHD medication without compromising his or her health. If your child is diagnosed with ADHD and medication is prescribed, your child's physician will discuss with you our protocol for managing children with ADHD, including timing of office visits and prescribing medications.

Thank you for allowing us to participate in your child's care. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,
The physicians of Pediatric Associates

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