**Scoliosis**

A scoliosis screen is performed at every well exam.

Scoliosis, a curvature of the spine measuring greater ![C:\Users\Abington Pediatrics\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\I16D52R4\MC900016005[1].wmf]()than ten

degrees, is more common in girls (1:25) than boys (1:200).

Symptoms of scoliosis include: visible curving of the upper

body, uneven shoulders, sunken chest and/or back pain.

Most often, the cause of scoliosis is unknown. If we suspect

that you or your child has scoliosis, we will order an x-ray of

the spine to confirm. Only severe cases of scoliosis, a curvature

greater than 25 degrees, require treatment. Sometimes, if

diagnosed with scoliosis, we ask that you follow up with an

orthopedic specialist for management. Otherwise, we will monitor

your scoliosis at your yearly well exam.