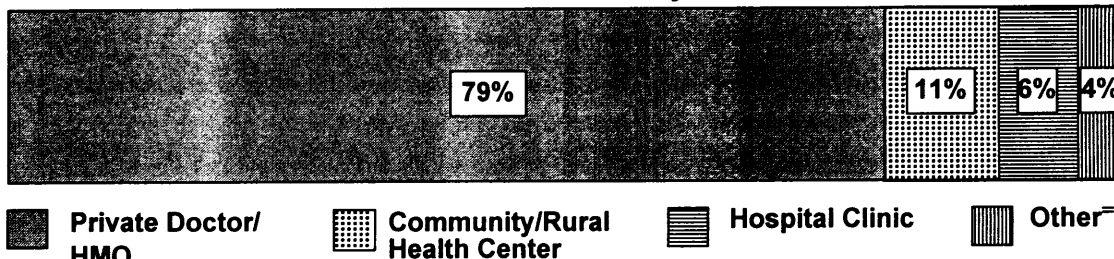


# WELL BABY CARE

Data from the  
MAINE PREGNANCY RISK ASSESSMENT MONITORING SYSTEM (PRAMS)  
1988-1992

- ➔ Well babies who visit a health care professional have opportunities to receive timely, preventive interventions against specific diseases, to have other illnesses detected and treated, and to have potential developmental or psychosocial disorders identified.<sup>1</sup>
- ➔ One of the National Health Objectives for the Year 2000 is to increase, to at least 90%, the proportion of babies aged 18 months and younger who receive recommended primary care services at the appropriate intervals.<sup>2</sup>
- ➔ In Maine, the setting where most well baby care is received is the private doctor's office.

Sources of Well Baby Care



\* Other includes military facilities, Indian Health Service, and any other write-in response.

- ➔ Most Maine babies obtain a sufficient or more than sufficient number of well baby visits for their age, in comparison with the guidelines issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics<sup>1</sup> (1% get an exceptionally low\* number of visits).
- ➔ 96% of Maine mothers report that they got as much well baby care for their child as they wanted during the early months of life.

\* An exceptionally low number is no visits (unrelated to illness) for 3 to 4 month-olds, and fewer than two visits for 5 to 6 month-olds.

Note: All data presented apply to 3 to 6 month-old babies who were not hospitalized more than 7 nights at birth, who did not die, and whose amount of well baby care is known (n=2,899).

Footnotes 1,2: Citations are available upon request.

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