

Dr. Despinasse is a Louisiana native who specializes in Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, from birth through age 18 years. His goal is to provide individualized care plans for all patients while treating them as “family”. Dr. Despinasse believes that the health of our children depends on the emphasis we place on active health promotion and early recognition of disease through periodic health screening. Dr. Despinasse is a New Orleans native who has resided in the Baton Rouge area with his family for the past ten years. His commitment to children and families extends from Southeast Louisiana to Central and South America.

Dr. Despinasse graduated from LSU – Baton Rouge with a degree in Microbiology and went on to study Medicine and Surgery in Tennessee at Meharry Medical College. He returned to Louisiana for residency training in Pediatrics at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans/ Children’s Hospital of New Orleans. After completing residency training Dr. Despinasse accepted an Assistant Professorship from LSU – NO to teach medical students and residents while affiliated with Earl K. Long Hospital. While teaching, Dr Despinasse continued his interests in Pediatric Emergency Medicine while staffing the Pediatric emergency department at Children’s Hospital in N.O.

During this time, Dr. Despinasse also worked part time at a private practice in Opelousas, LA. In 2005, he successfully co-founded Pediatric and Internal Medicine Associates and pursued private practice full time.

He is now proud to announce his expansion and grand re-location to a Pediatrics only practice. Fertile Crescent Pediatrics will hold its grand opening on October 26, 2009 and is located at 730 Colonial Boulevard Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. This ultra-modern office will feature a fully computerized charting system with onsite testing for asthma/allergies, Anemia, Diabetes and Cholesterol testing as well as EKG capability. The office also features Hi-definition screens with patient education, separate sick and well waiting areas and child friendly play areas. Dr. Despinasse is accepting new patients and accepts all major health plans.

Unique to this office, we will offer by appointment, Urgent Care hours Monday through Thursday from 5 pm to 8 pm for minor pediatric emergencies, ranging from colds, sore throats and fever to minor lacerations needing sutures. So don’t wait in an emergency room or after hours clinic when your child can be seen by a caring Pediatric Physician in a child friendly environment.

Dr. Despinasse and his friendly staff invite you to stop in and visit the office or visit our website ([www.fertilecrescentpediatrics.com](http://www.fertilecrescentpediatrics.com)) for a view of the inner office and our philosophy to medical care for your child. The website also features patient forms you may download as well as education links and e-mail to Dr. Despinasse and his staff.