Know your options for care

Get the right care at the right time

When you get sick or hurt, you need to make choices to get the right care when you need it. With so many options, it’s important to know what type of care facility or clinic to call for emergencies, medications or medical advice.

The following information will help you better understand who to call for specific health issues and situations to get answers and the care you need in a timely manner. Knowing when it’s best to call your doctor or nurse practitioner, go to urgent care or visit the emergency room can help you feel better sooner, be more satisfied with your care, and also save you money.

**When to see your primary care provider**

See your regular doctor or nurse practitioner when your needs are not life threatening and you can be seen during office hours. You should see your primary care provider for common health issues such as low fevers, headaches, mild cold symptoms, minor sprains or cuts and prescription refills.

**When to visit urgent care**

When your regular doctor’s or nurse practitioner’s office is not open, visit the closest urgent care clinic for issues that are not severe but need attention right away. These conditions may include fever, flu symptoms, dehydration, minor cuts, scrapes or broken bones.

**When to visit the emergency room**

For immediate problems that could be life threatening or could put your health at serious risk, don’t hesitate to call 9-1-1 right away. These types of medical emergencies include uncontrollable bleeding, breathing problems, loss of consciousness or choking.

**Prescription refill requests**

Call your pharmacy first. If you encounter a problem, call your primary care provider or the prescriber during regular hours. Please allow 24-48 hours for refills.

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| **Primary care provider (PCP)** | - Allergies (mild to moderate)  
- Asthma attacks (mild to moderate)  
- Burns (minor)  
- Upper respiratory infections:  
  - Coughs, congestion, fever or flu symptoms, sinus problems, sore throat, bronchitis  
- Earaches; eye or skin infections  
- Adult flu shots  
- Insect bites or rashes  
- Migraines  
- Minor cuts/wounds/stitches  
- Minor head injuries  
- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea  
- Pregnancy tests  
- Sprains, strains or deep bruises  
- Bladder infections  
- Regular physicals  
- Prescription refills  
- Vaccinations  
- Screenings  
- Management of a chronic condition |
| **Urgent care clinic**    | - Allergies (mild to moderate)  
- Asthma attacks (mild to moderate)  
- Minor broken bones (with no skin penetration)  
- Burns (minor)  
- Upper respiratory infections  
  - Coughs, congestion, fever or flu symptoms, sinus problems, sore throat, bronchitis  
- Earaches; eye or skin infections  
- Adult flu shots  
- Insect bites or rashes  
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- Minor cuts/wounds/stitches  
- Minor head injuries  
- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea  
- Pregnancy tests  
- Sprains, strains or deep bruises  
- Bladder infections  
- Heat stroke and dehydration |
| **Emergency room**        | - Asthma attacks (severe)  
- Broken bones (where bone is visible)  
- Burns (minor)  
- Coughing or vomiting blood  
- Difficulty breathing  
- Chest pain  
- Numbness in face, arm or leg  
- Difficulty speaking  
- Sudden or unexplained loss of consciousness  
- High fever with stiff neck  
- Mental confusion  
- Inability to urinate  
- Infants under 8 weeks with fever  
- Poison injection  
- Severe diarrhea or dehydration  
- Shock  
- Trauma/traumatic injury  
- Serious head injury  
- Uncontrollable bleeding  
- Amputation  
- Vaginal bleeding while pregnant  
- Poisoning |

### Questions?

If you have any questions, call your primary care provider’s office. If you don’t reach someone directly, leave a message and expect a response within 1-2 days. If it’s urgent, tell them you have an urgent question or need. Many providers also respond via email.

If you are not sure where to go or what to do, please call our [24-hour Nurse Advice Line at 866-321-7580](tel:8663217580). A registered nurse can direct you to the most appropriate place to be seen, if applicable. Please note: the Nurse Advice Line is only available on select plans. For additional support, please call us toll-free at 877-277-7281 or email careprograms@modahealth.com. TTY users, please dial 711.