When to use the Emergency Room or Urgent Care. Do you know the difference?





EMERGENCY ROOM

Emergency rooms are the best option in cases where conditions are life-threatening and may require advanced treatment, such as having chest pain. Because life-threatening conditions are the number one priority in the emergency room, less severe cases will take longer to be treated.

Emergency Rooms are best for treating:

Chest pain

Uncontrolled bleeding

- Seizures
- Stroke
- Sudden or severe pain
- · Head, neck, or eye injuries
- Severe vomiting, diarrhea
- Fainting, dizziness,
 - weakness
- Broken bones
- Problems breathing/ shortness of breath

URGENT CARE

Urgent care locations are staffed and equipped to respond quickly to a variety of non-life threatening illnesses and injuries. They often provide information in advance about pricing structure – making it a convenient choice for immediate but nonemergency illness and injuries.

Urgent Care locations are best for treating:

- Cuts that need stitches
- Infections
- Sprains or strains
- Back pain
- Animal bites
- Cold or flu

- Sore throat
- Minor burns
- Minor allergic reactions
- Cuts or scrapes
- Cough
- Minor injuries or pain

This is for informational purposes only and does not constitute medical advice. When in doubt, or when facing a life-threatening condition, please contact 9-1-1 for emergency care.



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