



Finding Health Care:

Care Center	Why would I use this Care Center?	What type of care would they provide?	What are the cost and time considerations?
Student Health Service	You need routine care or treatment for a current health issue. The student health service provides preventive and routine care, can help manage your medications and refer you to a specialist, if necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illnesses - such as strep throat, earaches, etc. • Minor cuts • Sprains • Routine checkups • Immunizations • Preventive services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs are generally lower in the Student Health Center. • Appointments suggested.
Doctor's Office	You need routine care or treatment for a current health issue. Your doctor knows your health history, can access your medical records, provide preventive and routine care, manage your medications and refer you to a specialist, if necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine checkups • Immunizations • Preventive services • Help you manage your general health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often requires a copayment and/or coinsurance • Normally requires an appointment • Scheduled appointments can help reduce wait time
Convenience Care Clinic	You can't get to your doctor's office, but your condition is not urgent or an emergency. Convenience Care Clinics are typically located in many retail stores offering services for minor health conditions. Staffed by nurse practitioners and physician assistants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common infections (for example, strep throat) • Minor skin conditions (for example, poison ivy) • Flu shots • Pregnancy tests • Minor cuts • Earaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often requires a copayment and/or coinsurance similar to an office visit • Walk-in patients welcome with no appointments necessary, but wait times can vary
Urgent Care Center	You may need care quickly, but it is not an emergency, and your doctor may not be available. Urgent Care Centers offer treatment for non-life threatening injuries or illnesses. Staffed by qualified physicians.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sprains • Strains • Minor broken bones (for example, a finger) • Minor infections • Minor burns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often a less costly alternative to the emergency room • Walk-in patients welcome, but waiting period may be longer as patients with more urgent needs will be treated first
Emergency Room (ER)	You need immediate treatment of a very serious or critical condition. The ER is for the treatment of life-threatening or very serious conditions that require immediate medical attention. Do not ignore an emergency. If a situation seems life-threatening, take action. Call 911 or your local emergency number right away.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy bleeding • Large open wounds • Sudden change in vision • Chest pain • Sudden weakness or trouble talking • Major burns • Spinal injuries • Severe head injury • Difficulty breathing • Major broken bones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a much higher copayment and/or coinsurance • Open 24/7, but waiting periods may be long based on the number of patients