Urgent Care Center vs Emergency Department: HOW TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

WHEN SHOULD I USE AN URGENT CARE CENTER?

Urgent Care Centers offer patients easy access to care for minor, non-emergency medical needs. Some of the benefits of an Urgent Care Center include:
- No appointment required
- Economical
- Short wait times
- Open evenings, weekends, and most holidays
- Local and convenient
- Access to labs and X-rays

Conditions Cared for in an URGENT CARE CENTER

RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS
- Sinus pain
- Sore throat
- Cough/mild asthma
- Pink eye
- Earache

MINOR INJURIES
- Cuts needing skin glue or stitches
- Accidents, falls
- Sports injuries
- Broken bones
- Neck, back, and joint pain

OTHER CONDITIONS
- Bladder infections
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Rashes
- Mild vomiting and diarrhea

NOTE: If greater care is needed, our staff will direct patients to the proper health care provider. In a true emergency, we will transfer patients directly to an emergency department.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED AN EMERGENCY?

Patients may have many different types of emergencies. Most emergencies require at least one of the following:
- Immediate blood work
- Ultrasounds
- CAT Scans
- Placement of IV (intravenous) line

Conditions Cared for in an EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

PAIN
- Severe/sudden onset headache
- Severe abdominal pain
- Difficulty walking

 Signs of a Heart Attack:
- Severe chest pain
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of consciousness

INJURIES
- Serious head, neck or back injury
- Severe fracture
- Deep or large wound
- Large burn
- Poisoning

OTHER CONDITIONS
- Pregnancy-related problem
- Heavy, uncontrollable bleeding
- Fever in infants
- Convulsions or seizure

 Signs of a Stroke:
- Loss of vision
- Numbness/weakness
- Slurred speech/confusion

Dial 911 immediately for any medical problem that is life threatening