



# Make sure you know where to go in any situation.

It's important to understand your options when seeking medical care. Non-emergency care for a condition that is not life threatening is generally provided by your physician. Even after-hours care is generally coordinated by your physician who can instruct you on how to receive medical care outside of normal business hours, on weekends and on holidays. If you are in severe pain or your condition is life threatening, you can receive emergency care by calling 911 or visiting an emergency room.



## PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN

Go to your Primary Care Physician to help manage total care and to seek treatment for **non-life threatening** conditions.

#### **Examples include:**

- · Annual Wellness Visit
- · High blood pressure
- · Cold/flu symptoms
- Minor sprains
- · Diabetes management · Skin rash
- Fever

Stomach ache



#### **URGENT CARE**

Go to an Urgent Care facility after hours or when your Primary Care Physician is otherwise unavailable.

### **Examples include:**

- Bladder infection
- Body aches
- Ear infection
- Excessive vomiting
- Headache
- Minor burns
- · Pink eye
- Sore throat



#### **EMERGENCY ROOM**

Go to the ER immediately for severe and life-threatening conditions.

#### **Examples include:**

- · Broken bones
- Chest pain
- Head/neck injury

Loss of consciousness

- Serious burns
- Symptoms of stroke
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Vomiting blood

If poison is ingested, call the **Poison Control Center immediately:** 

1-800-222-1222 Alabama

1-800-292-6678 Nationwide

Help keep ERs available for people who need life-saving treatment. You'll save both time and money by knowing where to go for the right care.





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