Doctor’s Office? Urgent Care? ER? Where should you go?
A guide to help you make the right care decision for your needs.

**Primary Care Doctor**
- Health Screenings/Routine Tests
- Ongoing/Chronic Conditions
- Annual Check-Ups/Physicals
- Ongoing Pain

**Same Day/Next Day/Extended Hours**
- Unexplained Weight Changes
- Acute Issues*
- Examples: flu and cold-like symptoms, frequent or painful urination, mild to moderate asthma, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, migraines/headaches

**Urgent Care**
- Non-Life-Threatening Illness, Allergic Reactions, or Injury
- Closed Bone Fractures, Sprains or Strains

**Outside Office Hours**
- Cuts and Lacerations
- Eye Swelling or Irritation
- Acute Issues*

**Emergency Room**
- Difficulty Breathing or Speaking
- Coughing/Vomiting Blood
- High Fever with Stiff Neck
- Chest Pain, Numbness in Limbs or Face
- Mental Confusion or Sudden/Unexplained Loss of Consciousness

- Open Bone Fractures
- Head Injury
- Severe Burns

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