



URGENT CARE or EMERGENCY ROOM – Which is Best for Me?

Did you know insurance companies may make you responsible for the entire cost of an emergency room (ER) visit if it is not considered an emergency? We want you to experience high quality care and great service without an increase in cost.

Compare the estimated cost of care* in the Urgent Care versus the ER for common illnesses.

	Urgent Care	ER
Gastroenteritis (stomach)	\$	pending data
Urinary Tract Infection	\$100-150	\$650-700
Upper Respiratory Infection (cold)	\$100-150	\$450-500
Sinus Infection	\$100-150	\$600-650
Strep Throat	\$100-150	\$500-550

Call us first for non-life threatening illnesses during and after office hours. But if you need treatment after regular office hours, try an Urgent Care for *minor* injuries or illnesses. Urgent Care's accept insurance, cost less than the ER and are open evenings and weekends. Keep in mind—certain conditions and medical emergencies will always require you go to the ER. The chart below may help you decide.

URGENT CARE	EMERGENCY ROOM
Cold, Flu, or Allergy Relief	Chest pain or Severe Shortness of Breath
Bladder or Urinary Tract Infection	Trauma, Head Injury, or Loss of Consciousness
Diarrhea, Vomiting, Nausea	Severe Abdominal Pain or Dehydration
Headache or Migraine	Severe Headache, Dizziness, or Blurred Vision
Sprain, Strain, Back Pain	Seizure, difficulty speaking, numbness in the face, arm or leg
Rash, Minor Burn, Insect bite, Cut, Skin infection	Large or deep Burn, Fracture, Deep Cut, Poisoning

Call 911 or Go to your Nearest ER for All Life-threatening Illnesses and Emergencies

*Estimated cost of care is based on claims data submitted in 2010 to the Medica Choice Network, as referenced on debt.org.