

Care Options at MedStar Health. Which is Right For Me?



PRIMARY CARE

Your primary care team manages routine medical care and acute injuries or illnesses that are not immediately life threatening.

Conditions we can treat:

- Injury and illness: Cold or flu symptoms, back or knee pain, urinary tract infection or yeast infection, STDs, mild to moderate asthma, migraine headache, concussion
- Adult care: High blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, depression or anxiety, birth control, weight loss, smoking cessation, cancer screening
- Pediatric care: Routine well visits, asthma management, behavior concerns, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) management
- On-site testing (availability varies by location): Urinary tract infection, pregnancy, rapid strep, flu
- Lab testing: Blood, tissue and other fluids; referral to a radiology facility for X-ray, ultrasound or other radiology testing



MEDSTAR EVISIT

MedStar eVisit offers 24/7 on-demand video access for minor health issues not requiring a physical exam or testing.

Conditions we can treat:

 Cold or mild flu symptoms, allergies, pink eye, rash, minor cut, known urinary tract infection or yeast infection, gout flare-up

MedStar eVisit is not appropriate for:

- Conditions requiring a physician to look into your ear, listen to your heart or lungs with a stethoscope, or use other exam techniques
- Conditions requiring in-person testing, such as a blood or urine test
- Prescription refills for controlled substances (e.g. narcotics for pain, and ADHD or short-acting anxiety medications)
- Severe flu symptoms, or any flu symptoms for those under 2 or over 65



URGENT CARE

Visit any MedStar Health Urgent Care location for same-day care or when your primary care doctor is not available. No appointment needed. Urgent Care is appropriate when an in-person physical exam, testing or treatment is needed.

Conditions we can treat:

- Twisted ankle, cuts requiring stitches, sore throat requiring strep testing, flu, pneumonia, urinary tract infection, mild to moderate asthma, stomach virus, migraine headache, concussion
- On-site testing: X-ray, urinary tract infection, pregnancy, rapid strep, mononucleosis, flu

NOTE: MedStar Health Urgent Care locations do not refill prescriptions for controlled substances (e.g. narcotics for pain, and ADHD or short-acting anxiety medications).



EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Visit the Emergency department when experiencing a major or life-threatening issue requiring immediate treatment.

Conditions we can treat:

 Chest pain, difficulty breathing, severe abdominal pain, major head injury, heavy bleeding, severe dizziness or passing out, stroke symptoms, seizures

Driving to the Emergency department versus calling 9-1-1:

- Do not drive if experiencing a major or life-threatening issue.
- You may accept a ride from someone else if your life is not in danger and your condition does not require immediate intervention.
- Call 9-1-1 if your life is in danger or your condition is one in which every minute counts.

Visits to the ED for minor conditions treatable by a MedStar Health primary care physician, MedStar eVisit, or MedStar Health Urgent Care may result in a longer wait.