

Urgent Care vs. the ED (Peds)

Go to the ED for

Serious, urgent, or life-threatening symptoms including:

- Trouble breathing, rapid breathing, or using extra muscles to breath
- Blue lips, very pale skin or limpness
- High fever in infants under 3 months
- Fever with seizure, stiff neck, confusion or a child who is difficult to wake
- Severe allergic reaction: swelling of face/lips, trouble swallowing, or hives + breathing problems
- Head injuries with vomiting, loss of consciousness, or abnormal behavior
- Severe abdominal pain, with vomiting or a swollen belly
- Dehydration signs: no tears, dry mouth, no urination for 8-12 hours, lethargy
- Serious cuts, deep burns or injuries with significant bleeding
- Possible broken bones with obvious deformity or inability to move the limb
- Ingestion of medications

Go to Urgent care for

Mild or non – life threatening issues, such as:

- Low grade fevers and your child is drinking well, alert and improving
- Ear pain or suspected ear infections
- Sore throat or possible strep
- Colds, cough, mild flu-like symptoms
- Vomiting or diarrhea without signs of dehydration
- Minor cuts that may need stitches, minor burns
- Minor asthma symptoms
- Minor sprains or strains
- Rashes without trouble breathing or swelling
- Pink eye
- When your pediatrician is unavailable