When to use the Emergency Room or Urgent Care.

Do you know the difference?

**EMERGENCY ROOM**

Emergency rooms are the best option in cases where conditions are life-threatening and may require advanced treatment, such as having chest pain. Because life-threatening conditions are the number one priority in the emergency room, less severe cases will take longer to be treated.

Emergency Rooms are best for treating:
- Chest pain
- Seizures
- Stroke
- Sudden or severe pain
- Head, neck, or eye injuries
- Severe vomiting, diarrhea
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Fainting, dizziness, weakness
- Broken bones
- Problems breathing/shortness of breath

**URGENT CARE**

Urgent care locations are staffed and equipped to respond quickly to a variety of non-life threatening illnesses and injuries. They often provide information in advance about pricing structure – making it a convenient choice for immediate but nonemergency illness and injuries.

Urgent Care locations are best for treating:
- Cuts that need stitches
- Infections
- Sprains or strains
- Back pain
- Animal bites
- Cold or flu
- Sore throat
- Minor burns
- Minor allergic reactions
- Cuts or scrapes
- Cough
- Minor injuries or pain

This is for informational purposes only and does not constitute medical advice. When in doubt, or when facing a life-threatening condition, please contact 9-1-1 for emergency care.