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Should I Go to an Urgent Care Center?

People commonly ask whether or not they should go to an Urgent Care Center for a certain condition or if they should visit a physician's office or Emergency Room. With the shortage of primary care physicians, coupled with long waits and rising co-pays/deductibles for ER visits, Urgent Care Centers are a viable alternative.

A properly equipped Urgent Care Center has on-site X-Ray and Lab which allows the facility to treat most minor injuries and illnesses. This saves the patient lots of time and money—without sacrificing quality. Insurance companies love Urgent Care because it saves them money as well.

Patients should do a little homework before trusting their urgent care needs to just anyone. Log on the website of the Urgent Care center you are interested in, or call and check a few important things before going to that center.

- Check the list of conditions treated and if they have Lab/X-Ray.
- Check hours of operation and if they are contracted with your insurance.
- Log on to the website and see credentials of the lead physicians at the center. If they provide no information about their physicians—think twice!
- Check the center's affiliation with your local hospital—do they really have an affiliation with the hospital—or are they just implying it?
- Are they accredited as an Urgent Care Center? Accreditation equals quality! ▶

East Jefferson After Hours Urgent Care is located at 2215 Veterans Blvd. in Metairie and 708 W. Esplanade Ave. in Kenner. Call 504-838-3524 or 504-461-9660 or visit www.eastjeffersonafterhours.com.

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