

## Where should you go - Primary Care, Express Care or Emergency?

### Primary Care Physician

Primary care physicians' offices are often the first stop for medical treatment. The advantage to seeing your primary care whenever possible is your complete medical history will be in front of the doctor to assist with diagnosis. Over time, your doctor will get to know you and be able recognize signs that indicate a potential change in your health. Visit [www.mrhc.org](http://www.mrhc.org) for a list of Magnolia Regional Health Center's locations and physician profiles.

**You should see your primary care physician for conditions such as:**

cold and flu symptoms	symptoms of depression	frequent headaches
diabetes management	pregnancy tests	sudden weight loss or gain
school and sports physicals	medication refills	unusual changes in health

These are examples of common conditions and not a complete list.

### Express Care

If your primary care provider is not available and your symptoms don't call for a trip to the Emergency Department, visit Magnolia Express Care. The advantages to visiting Magnolia Express Care are convenient hours seven days a week, no appointment is needed and imaging and lab tests are onsite.

**Illnesses treated at Express Care include:**

cold, cough and flu symptoms	minor burns and cuts	sore throat
fever	ear, eye, and skin infections	urinary tract infections
fractures and strains	nausea and vomiting	skin rashes

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### Emergency Department

Patients suffering from life-threatening conditions should call 911 or immediately go to the Magnolia Regional Health Center Emergency Department, located at 611 Alcorn Drive. Magnolia Regional Health Center's Emergency Department is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

**Examples of emergencies include:**

chest pain	seizures	bleeding
inability to breathe	loss of consciousness	broken bones
poisoning	severe burns	any traumatic events

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