

# About MinuteClinic

MinuteClinic delivers care through nurse practitioners who specialize in family health care and can diagnose, treat and write prescriptions for common family illnesses, minor wounds, vaccinations, physicals, wellness and preventive services. A medical director, who is a physician, is on call during business hours, and is available to the practitioner for consultation during operating hours if questions arise.

Individuals with serious illnesses outside the scope of MinuteClinic services are referred to the patient's existing primary care provider. If patients don't have a primary care provider, MinuteClinic practitioners help them find one. Patients are provided a resource list of primary care providers who are nearby and accepting new patients.

MinuteClinic can be a reasonable way for faculty, staff and their families to get care for minor acute illnesses. A study by the Rand Corporation, published in the September 2009 *Annals of Internal Medicine* (Ateev Mehrotra, Hangsheng Liu, John L. Adams, Margaret C. Wang, Judith R. Lave, & N. Marcus Thygeson, 2009) and largely based on MinuteClinic data, found that the care delivered at retail clinics was on par with the care provided at ERs, urgent care centers and physician offices.

Emory employees and their dependents covered under an Emory medical plan who receive services from MinuteClinic receive the same benefit as they would at an Aetna in-network primary care physician. More specifically, this means that the employee would pay a \$35 co-pay under the POS Value Plan, a \$25 co-pay under the PPO Plus Plan, and 20% after deductible under the High Deductible Health Plan.

The following services are available at MinuteClinic:

- Diagnose, treat and write prescriptions for common family illnesses such as strep throat, bladder infections, pink eye and infections of the ears, nose and throat
- Provide common vaccinations for flu, pneumonia, pertussis, and hepatitis, among others
- Treat minor wounds, abrasions, joint sprains and skin conditions such as poison ivy, ringworm and acne
- Provide a wide range of wellness services, including sports and camp physicals, smoking cessation and TB testing
- Offer routine lab tests, instant results and education for those with diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure or asthma

For more information, please visit MinuteClinic's web site:

<http://www.minuteclinic.com/services/>

No appointment is required at MinuteClinic and most health insurance is accepted. Clinics in Georgia are open Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

MinuteClinic locations are located in select CVS/pharmacy stores. To find a store near you, see:

<http://www.minuteclinic.com/GA/clinics.aspx>