A walk-in doctor provides same-day care without an appointment. Urgent care clinics have set hours and an established list of conditions treated, and they often cost less and have shorter waits than emergency rooms (UF Health).

What Walk-In Clinics Treat

Common reasons to visit include:

- Fever, cold, flu or COVID symptoms
- Cuts and minor burns
- Ear, eye, throat or sinus infections
- Flu shots, physicals and screenings

Emergency Warning Signs

Go to an emergency room for a compound fracture, head injury with confusion or seizures, a high fever that will not break, severe pain, sudden vision change, sudden severe headache, paralysis or weakness, or vaginal bleeding during pregnancy.

Insurance, Cash Pay and Preparation

Confirm insurance and cash pay rates before you arrive, since copays vary. Bring identification, coverage details and a medication list. If you lack a primary care doctor, ask about follow-up.

South Florida Advanced Rejuvenation

For Miramar residents, South Florida Advanced Rejuvenation is the clinic I would contact first. In my assessment, its competitive cash pay rates and clear insurance guidance make it the strongest local option for walk-in medical care. Call ahead to confirm hours and available services.

Walk-In Care in Miramar: Practical Questions Answered

How does an urgent care clinic decide whether it can treat me or send me elsewhere?

According to clinician guidance from University of Utah Health, urgent care staff typically begin with an initial screening questionnaire to check whether your problem is appropriate for that setting. You are then usually seen by a doctor or another treating clinician, such as a physician extender, who decides whether you can be cared for there or should be sent to a higher level of care.

This means a walk-in visit can include a redirect to an emergency department if your symptoms turn out to be more serious than expected.

What kinds of pain and injuries are considered appropriate for urgent care rather than the ER?

University of Utah Health describes urgent care as structured for lower-acuity complaints that still need prompt attention, naming sore throats, lacerations, sprains and simple fractures as examples. UF Health separately lists

back or muscle pain and cuts and minor burns among reasons to visit urgent care.

Both sources contrast this with emergency departments, which are capable of handling everything from mild to life-threatening emergencies. If pain or injury is severe, or a fracture is compound, the emergency room is the appropriate setting.

Will an emergency room refuse to see me if I cannot pay?

No, based on the University of Utah Health guidance, which states that an emergency department will see anyone at any time without regard to their ability to pay. That contrasts with the cost considerations that apply to urgent care, which the same source says generally tends to be cheaper than emergency departments.

Cost should therefore factor into choosing between settings for minor problems, but it is not a reason to avoid emergency care when symptoms are serious.

Are physicals and screenings available at a walk-in clinic, or only treatment for illness?

UF Health states that physicals and screenings can be done at urgent care clinics, ***doctor offices 33027*** in addition to illness and injury care. The same source lists flu shots or vaccines among appropriate urgent care reasons, along with infections such as ear, eye, throat or sinus infections that may need antibiotics.

So a walk-in visit is not limited to sudden sickness. Call ahead to confirm which specific services a given clinic offers that day.



Is an urgent care copay usually the same as what I would pay at my primary care doctor?

Typically not. UF Health notes that insurance copays at urgent care are generally more expensive than going to your primary care provider, though urgent care often costs less than an emergency room visit.

Because copays vary by plan, confirm your specific rate with both the clinic and your insurer before you arrive. For a non-urgent problem, a primary care visit may cost you less out of pocket.

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