Where to take your child...

Urgent Care or the Emergency Room?

When it comes to your child’s health care needs, it is important to know when and where to go when a sudden illness or injury occurs. At Stanford Children’s Health Specialty Services – Sunnyvale, we provide urgent care services for pediatric patients with non-life-threatening health concerns. In the event that a higher level of care is needed, we’re located in proximity to the Stanford Health Care Pediatric Emergency Department.

**Pediatric Urgent Care**

Examples of conditions that require treatment right away but are not immediately life-threatening:

- Ear ache or sinus pain
- Heat stroke and dehydration
- Mild fevers, cold or flu symptoms
- Mild or moderate asthma attack
- Mildly bleeding cuts
- Minor allergic reactions and rashes
- Minor burns
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Painful urination
- Pink eye or other minor eye problems
- Sore throat
- Sprains or strains

**Pediatric Emergency Room**

Examples of conditions that require immediate medical treatment:

- Difficulty breathing or speaking
- Eye or head injuries
- High fevers
- Infant under 12 weeks old with fever
- Loss of consciousness or vision
- Numbness in face or limbs
- Persistent vomiting
- Severe abdominal pain
- Severe allergic reactions
- Severe asthma attack
- Severe burns
- Severe coughs, congestion and sinus problems
- Severe cut or laceration
- Suspected drug overdose or poisoning
- Traumatic injury

**When in doubt**

**Dial 911** if you question your ability to drive or fear your child’s condition could worsen. Calling 911 is the fastest way to get emergency medical care.