Choose the Right Health Care Setting

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	TYPE OF CARE	WAIT TIME	COST**
Yo	Retail Clinic Retail clinics, sometimes called convenient care clinics, are located in retail stores, supermarkets and pharmacies. When to Go*: Colds or flu Sinus infections Allergies Vaccinations or screenings Minor sprains, burns or rashes Headaches or sore throats	15 minutes Or less , on average	\$15 - \$40 Depending upon your insurance copay
\sim	Urgent Care / Walk-in Clinic Urgent care centers, sometimes called walk-in clinics, are often open in the evenings and on weekends.	20 – 30 minutes Approximate wait time	\$45 Copay \$156 average out-of-pocket cost
14)	 When to Go*: Sprains and strains Mild asthma attacks Sore throats Minor broken bones or cuts Minor infections or rashes Earaches 		
	Clinical Care (Your Doctor's Office) Seeing your doctor is important. Your doctor knows your medical history and any ongoing health conditions. When to Go*: • Preventive services and vaccinations • Medical problems or symptoms that are not an immediate, serious threat to your health or life	1 week or more Approximate wait time for an appointment	\$15 Copay for all UC Health primary care physicians \$40 Copay for all UC Health specialists \$166 average out-of-pocket cost
	Emergency Room Visit the ER only if you are badly hurt. If you are not seriously ill or hurt, you could wait hours and your health plan may not cover non-emergency ER visits. When to Go*: Sudden change in vision Sudden weakness or trouble talking Large, open wounds • Major broken bones	3 to 12 hours Approximate wait time for non-critical cases	\$300 Copay 10% Coinsurance \$570 Average out- of-pocket cost
	 Difficulty breathing Severe head injury 		



