

Health Care during Foundations

1. Where do I go for treatment? When is the Georgetown Student Health Center open in summer?

Student Health Center: Foundations students are allowed to use the **main campus** Student Health Center, on the ground floor level of the Darnell Building. You can call the appointment number at 687 2200. You will need to pay for the appointment and then you can submit the bill to your insurance company. Ask about the cost when you make an appointment. *Also, you will need to bring your GOCard for identification.*

2. Where do I seek help for my family or when the Georgetown Student Health Center is not open?

- There are several "walk-in" clinics that offer basic health services. While we are not endorsing their use, they have "board-certified practitioners."
 - One is Arlington Urgent Care Center
601 S. Carlin Springs Road
Arlington, VA 22204
PH: 703-717-7000; FX: 703-717-7010
It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
 - Another is the CVS Pharmacy's "Minute Clinic." Check www.minuteclinic.com for locations, hours and fees. They will see patients "18 months old and older" without appointments for "a variety of common illnesses." The website gives a list of the charges. Most of the local ones are open 7 days a week, with longer hours [8:30 or 9:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.] Monday - Friday, and 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on weekends. The website can direct you to "Minute Clinics" in Arlington, and Vienna, Virginia, and Bethesda, Silver Spring, Maryland. You might be able to take the metro to some of these locations.
- We recommend you do not use hospital Emergency Rooms (ER) as a substitute for seeing a doctor when there is no health emergency situation. The ER will be much more expensive, and you might wait a long time to see a doctor since they take cases on a crisis basis. The ERs are great if you have a serious medical problem, but you could wait many hours if you have the flu. Save the ER for broken bones, and serious, breathing difficulties, and other urgent problems.

3. What is the emergency number to call an ambulance?

Call **911** if you are unable to get to the hospital on your own or by cab. The local Emergency Services will send an ambulance. However, if it is not a life-threatening situation, you may be better off taking a cab or having someone drive you to the emergency room. **If you are bleeding heavily, cannot breathe, or think you might be having a heart attack, call 911!** The ambulance technicians will be able to begin treatment prior to your arrival at the hospital.

IF YOU ARE LIVING IN GEWIRZ STUDENT CENTER DURING FOUNDATIONS AND HAVE A MEDICAL EMERGENCY or IF YOU HAVE A MEDICAL EMERGENCY WHILE ON CAMPUS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY – 662 9325.