

Take One!



The Best Medical Care for Your Child

We want Peachtree Park Pediatrics to be your child's medical home, so we are happy to evaluate and treat them for most illnesses and injuries. We know you and your child and have full access to their medical records. This allows us to provide coordinated, comprehensive care and helps avoid over-diagnosis and over-treatment. The first and best option is to receive care here and while we make every effort to see your child at our office, sometimes they need care when we are closed. Fortunately, in our area there are many different choices for afterhours care.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) Urgent Care Centers are in many neighborhoods. They see basic pediatric healthcare issues and can also do x-rays and limited blood tests. Hours are usually 11 am – 9 pm on weekdays, and 9 am – 9 pm on weekends (there are shorter hours on holidays.) Waits can sometimes be long, and many insurance plans have higher out-of-pocket expenses at urgent care centers than at our office. CHOA urgent care centers are not able to provide IV fluids.

The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Emergency Departments at Scottish Rite, Hughes Spalding and Eggleston are open 24/7, 365 days a week, and are the best place for seriously ill children to be evaluated. They can handle anything, though waits can be long and visits to emergency departments can be very expensive for families.

There are many adult-oriented facilities that also offer to see children after hours, including clinics in drug stores and adult urgent care centers. The providers working in these places are not pediatricians—they're often not physicians at all—and may not have pediatric training or experience. We don't think their care is up to the standards of a real pediatric facility, and we don't encourage families to use them. **Your children deserve better than a minute in a clinic.**

See the back of this page for a list of many common health conditions that we treat at our office. There are also recommendations for where you should go for after-hours care. This list isn't meant to be complete and can't account for every child's individual circumstances. If you'd like more-specific guidance, please talk with our Nurses during the day and the CHOA Call Center Nurses after hours. One of our pediatricians is always available for emergency phone consultations for patients in our practice.

	PPP	CHOA Urgent Care	CHOA Emergency Department
Allergies	•		
Allergic reaction (without breathing problems)	•		
Asthma attack (mild)	•		
Asthma attack (trouble breathing after treatment)			•
Bite	•		
Broken bone (obvious broken bone)			•
Broken bone (suspected)	•	•	
Burn (minor)	•		
Burn (large, or major)			•
Cast-related problems			•
Cold	•		
Cough	•		
Cut (minor, needs stitches)	•	•	
Cut (needs sedation for stitches)			•
Cut (won't stop bleeding)			•
Diarrhea without dehydration	•		
Ear pain	•		
Ear infection	•		
Ear wax removal	•		
Fever (older than 2 months)	•		
Fever (under 2 months of age)	•		•
Flu	•		
Headache	•		
Head injury (no loss of consciousness)	•		
Head injury (sustained loss of consciousness)			•
Laryngitis	•		
Pink eye	•		
Pneumonia (no trouble breathing)	•		
Pneumonia (trouble breathing)			•
Poisoning		Call 1-800-222-1222	
Rash	•		
Sedation for any procedure			•
Seizure			•
Shock			•
Sinus infection	•		
Sore throat	•		
Sprain	•	•	
Sting	•		
Stomach ache	•		
Strain	•	•	
Swimmer's ear	•		
Urinary tract infection	•		
Vomiting (without dehydration)			
Vomiting (with dehydration)			•