

No Appointment Necessary

NEW WEST BRANCH MEDICAL CENTER OFFERS URGENT CARE

Urgent care represents a critical forward trend in healthcare, providing prompt, economically priced patient care for non-life-threatening illness and injury. The concept fills the gap between emergency department visits and times when a primary healthcare provider is unavailable—perhaps in the evening, during weekends, or if the primary care physician's calendar is booked.

To cover this gap, while at the same time providing the compassionate care Evangelical Community Hospital patients

expect and deserve, the Hospital's new West Branch Medical Center includes Urgent Care of Evangelical.

"We are constantly looking at our services and asking, 'Are those services meeting the requirements and expectations of the people who need us?'" says Kendra Aucker, President and CEO of Evangelical Community Hospital. "We're excited about the prospect

of providing the only urgent care facility between Williamsport and Selinsgrove and giving individuals living in those areas access to high-quality, effective care in a location that is convenient and designed to meet real-life needs."

In addition to lower-cost care for non-life-threatening medical needs, extended center hours, efficient patient flow, and shorter



IMMEDIATE CARE

Urgent Care of Evangelical is located along Route 15 in the Weis Plaza. For more information about hours and services offered, visit evanhospital.com/services/Urgent-Care.



Dennis Merkle, PA-C, with a patient at Urgent Care of Evangelical.

wait times in a no-appointment-needed environment, Urgent Care of Evangelical also reduces the number of patients visiting the Hospital's Emergency Department. This allows emergency medicine physicians to focus on critical, life-threatening cases.











To further provide services that meet its patients' requirements and expectations, Urgent Care of Evangelical offers patients access to onsite imaging and point-of-service lab testing, as well as selected immunizations, sports and camp physicals, and diagnostic testing.

URGENT CARE VS. EMERGENCY CARE

Understanding the difference between urgent care and emergency care can help determine the best location to seek treatment for an injury or illness.



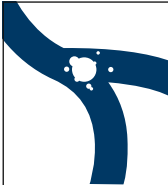


URGENT CARE

Choose urgent care for non-life-threatening situations.

 Cough, cold, and flu-like symptoms	 Breaks, fractures, and sprains	 Infections	 Rashes and skin conditions	 Burns, cuts, and scrapes
 Animal bites	 X-rays	 Selected immunizations	 School, camp, and sports physicals	 Point-of-service lab testing

EMERGENCY CARE

Go to the emergency department for situations that could result in significant loss of blood, potential disability, or loss of life.

 Heart problems	 Uncontrolled bleeding	 Suspected stroke	 Unexplained seizures	 Breathing emergencies
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WHEN TO CALL 911

Some situations require a call to 911: seizures, severe chest pain or other signs of heart attack, stroke symptoms, difficulty breathing, or life-threatening injuries. If these symptoms or injuries are present, it is safer to call 911 for help rather than attempt to drive to the nearest emergency department.

