

Does your clinic provide Urgent Care?

Yes!

Do you need a certificate to tell you your clinic is an Urgent Care Center?

No!

Does being certified as an Urgent Care Center ensure quality of care?

No!

What helps an Urgent Care Center ensure the provision of quality healthcare and the principles of professionalism?

Urgent Care Center Accreditation!

The assurance that healthcare providers and facilities maintain adequate levels of quality is of vital importance to patients. Knowledge of and close adherence to the standards of **Accreditation** provide assurances that the care provided at an Urgent Care Center is state of the art and that the established policies and procedures ensure exceptional business practices. **Accreditation** demonstrates the highest level of commitment of the Urgent Care Center to providing quality medical care that is consistent with the highest ideals of the specialty of Urgent Care Medicine.

The **Accreditation** of an Urgent Care Center is based on the assessment of the center's compliance with applicable standards and adherence to nationally recognized policies and procedures. The standards for **Accreditation** fall into two main categories: medical practice and facility quality. Medical practice assessment includes examination of the qualifications of all of the facility's practitioners and the quality of the medical care they provide. Facility assessment involves not just defining "is it an urgent care center?" but evaluating the center itself.

As a form of certification or validation, **Accreditation** symbolizes – to patients, payers, and colleagues – the highest level of commitment to patients and the practice of Urgent Care Medicine.

Demonstrate your commitment to providing quality Urgent Care – Become Accredited Today!

Learn more about **Urgent Care Center Accreditation** from the American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine! Go to aaucm.org/Professionals/Accreditation.

What is an Urgent Care Center?

Urgent Care Centers provide treatment for the non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries that occur on a day-to-day basis. They are equipped to serve the entire family, including children, and can handle a variety of conditions ranging from sinusitis and pneumonia to lacerations and fractures. Generally, most Urgent Care Centers are open seven days a week with hours extending into the evening. Additionally, patients seeking medical attention or advice do not have to make appointments at Urgent Care Centers. Most centers have X-ray and lab facilities; some are adding more advanced diagnostic equipment. Physicians typically provide the bulk of medical services, helped by nurses and physicians' assistants.

Urgent Care Medicine (UCM) is the provision of immediate medical service offering outpatient care for the treatment of acute and chronic illness and injury. It requires a broad and comprehensive fund of knowledge to provide such care. Urgent Care Medicine concentrates on the evaluation and treatment of acutely arising conditions in all age groups. Urgent care specialists often first diagnose chronic conditions, generally with referrals to primary care physicians.