

COORDINATION OF CARE: Getting the Right Treatment

Before leaving the office, your doctor will discuss any follow-up care if necessary.

At AtlantiCare Urgent Care, we care about you and your health. In our journey to build healthy communities, we feel it's important you are aware of the antibiotic and narcotic prescription guidelines we follow to provide you with the most appropriate care.

ANTIBIOTICS

- According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), antibiotic resistance has been called one of the world's most pressing public health problems.
- Antibiotic resistance can cause significant danger and suffering for people who have common infections that once were easily treatable with antibiotics. When antibiotics fail to work, the consequences are longer-lasting illnesses, more doctor visits or extended hospital stays, and the need for more expensive and toxic medications. Some resistant infections can even cause death.
- When used, common side effects of antibiotics include diarrhea, yeast infection, allergic reaction, among others.
- Common viral infections that should not be treated with antibiotics include colds, flu, most coughs and bronchitis, sore throats (except for those resulting from strep throat), and some ear infections.
- There are no beneficial effects of antibiotics on the treatment of viral illnesses.

MANAGEMENT OF PAIN

- We want to safely treat your pain.
- According to the CDC, overdoses of opioid prescription drugs now kill more people in the U.S. than heroin and cocaine combined.
- There are many non-narcotic alternatives to treat pain.
- To ensure your safety, we participate and actively engage in the NJ Prescription Monitoring Program.
- Due to complexity, we refrain from treating patients with chronic pain using narcotics. However, we will be happy to guide you to a pain management specialist.

Our position on antibiotic and narcotic prescriptions ensures our commitment to providing you with the highest quality of care. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you at AtlantiCare Urgent Care.