

Health Services

Policy/Procedure

The Health Center is staffed by nurse practitioners, part time physicians and staff associates' support. Students are evaluated and treated for illnesses and injuries by nurse practitioners with physician consultation and referral as necessary. Nurse practitioners are registered nurses who have completed additional extensive medical education and are certified and licensed to diagnose and treat medical conditions just as a family doctor does. If a medical condition falls outside the nurse practitioners' scope of practice, the patient is referred to the consulting physician or specialist in the community. Nurse practitioners order and perform lab tests and x-rays, may perform certain procedures and write for prescription medication.

Students are seen on an appointment basis similar to any medical office. Urgent illness or injury cases are seen immediately or referred to the Carlisle Regional Medical Center if they cannot be handled at the Health Center. Transportation is provided by a transport service during the hours the Health Center is open at no additional cost to the student or ambulance if appropriate. During the hours the Health Center is closed, transportation will be provided by calling the Department of Public Safety at extension 1349 or 1111.

Summary of Services

- Evaluation and treatment of illness and injuries
- Full-time nurse and nurse practitioner staff
- Part-time physician coverage on campus, full-time physician coverage by phone
- Referrals to outside agencies when appropriate
- Gynecologic Services & other sexual health services. (birth control pills a low cost and free condoms).
- Free confidential HIV & STD testing for men and women
- Certified Medical Laboratory
- Prescription medications available (limited)
- Administration of allergy injections
- Health counseling and information center
- Self Care Center for colds
- Equipment lending (crutches, heating pads)

Student Health and Safety: Health Services

- Blood pressure screening
- Health Education materials (videos, pamphlets)
- Physical exams

Sexual health for women and men

The nurse practitioners in the Health Center diagnose and treat most gynecological problems, and sexual health concerns including STD testing for men and women. Tests performed in the Health Center include chlamydia, gonorrhea and HIV tests, pap smears, and pregnancy tests. Individual consultation, health education and prescription of birth control methods are also available. Birth control pills are sold on-site at a discounted rate. Please visit www.dickinson.edu/departments/health/BCP-Questions-2.pdf for the most frequently asked questions about birth control pills. Emergency contraception (also known as ECP's or the morning after pill) is available during the hours the Health Center is open. It is important ECP's be taken within the first 72 hours, and it is most effective the sooner it is taken. ECPs are now available without a prescription at local pharmacies. Please link on 'sexual resources' below, for locations and prices. Free condoms are available accompanied by educational material about HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. The HPV vaccine is also now available.

Men may be screened for sexually transmitted diseases, have an exam, or just pick up condoms and information regarding STD's and sexual health issues. Chlamydia testing for men now just requires a urine sample.

For more information about these services, and ECP prices at local pharmacies, please visit www.dickinson.edu/departments/health/sexualityresources.htm.

Services not covered by Student Fees

- Emergency Department visits
- Appointments with local physicians, dentists, consultants, or specialists
- Prescription medications
- Laboratory tests
- X-rays, diagnostic procedures and medical and surgical supplies

Related Information

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