

When to Call The Office

Before paging the doctor on call, please review the following and call if immediate medical attention is indicated as defined below:

FEVER:

* Temperature of 100.3° F in a child less than 2 months of age	* Temperature of 102° F for six straight hours
* Temperature of 102° F or higher with frequent cough or diarrhea	* Temperature of 102° F or higher with pain while urination or swollen joints

COUGH:

* Every 10 minutes or less without a break	* More than 4 or 5 coughs in a row repeatedly
* Inability to drink or sleep due to cough	

DEHYDRATION:

* Dry lips/mouth and lethargic with frequent vomiting and/or diarrhea, or NO urination for greater than 12 hours
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TRAUMA:

* Open wound, confusion, and/ or vomiting twice	* Loss of consciousness or amnesia
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OTHER:

* Anytime a child is confused or can't sleep from pain	* Severe allergic reactions (tongue, lip or throat symptoms)
* Seizure or convulsions	* Purple spreading rashes
* Respiratory distress (unusual breathing very hard or very fast)	* Extreme irritability (crying for over 20 minutes)

Other calls can probably wait until the following day. Please reference our web front page for our office hours. Please review the **Common Symptom Handouts page** of this website and our newsletter for further information.