

Aurora Health Care opened the first Aurora QuickCare clinics in 2004. Today, there are 18 Aurora QuickCare sites in Wisconsin. The clinics can be found in a variety of locations, including grocery stores, shopping malls, a travel plaza, Aurora Pharmacy, and Wal-Mart Supercenters.

Aurora QuickCare clinics are staffed by advanced practice nurses who provide fast, convenient and affordable diagnostic services and treatment for common family illnesses such as sore throat, ear infection, sinus infection, pink eye, mononucleosis, bladder infection, seasonal allergies and bronchitis. In addition, Aurora QuickCare provides cholesterol screenings, TB testing and vaccinations, such as flu, meningitis and tetanus.

A typical visit to an Aurora Quick Care site takes just 15 minutes. No appointments are necessary. A flat fee of \$39 is charged.

"Aurora QuickCare is an attractive option for many people," said Janet Teske, an advanced practice nurse and Aurora QuickCare manager. "Parents are particularly happy to have an option that enables them to get quick answers and treatment for common childhood illnesses. For working parents it's especially beneficial because it's affordable and it reduces their time away from the job."

QuickCare patients who require a prescription for medication receive one before they leave, Teske said. "Patients who need follow-up care receive a copy of their records to share with their primary care physician," she said. "And for people who do not have a physician, the QuickCare clinics can provide information about nearby physicians who are accepting new patients."

What makes Aurora QuickCare unique is that it is one of the few clinics in the country that is a part of a larger, integrated health care system. Aurora includes a series of acute care hospitals, medical clinics, physician group, retail pharmacy chain, home health agency, behavioral health services, and hospice services.

John Whitcomb, M.D., medical director of Aurora QuickCare, said: "Our QuickCare sites improve access to affordable health care services and are an important part of Aurora's integrated system of care."

More information about Aurora QuickCare, including a list of locations, is available at www.Aurora.org/QuickCare.

Aurora Health Care is a not-for-profit Wisconsin health care provider and a national leader in efforts to improve the quality of health care. Aurora offers care at sites in more than 90 communities throughout eastern Wisconsin.

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