Find your local GP

Why is finding a Local GP/GP Clinic important?
• A General Practitioner or GP can help you with any health problem. No problem is too big or too small.
• A GP may be able to organise emergency medical care without the need for you to go to an Emergency Department.

Did you know GPs can?
• Liaise with hospital staff to help manage your care before and after being in hospital.
• Treat serious accidents, such as cuts that need stitching, plastering of some fractures.
• Talk about your personal concerns and stresses.
• Make referrals to other service providers and support agencies.
• Monitor general health.
• Provide immunisations.
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What if I need a GP after hours?
• Call your GP and listen to their message. They usually have a number to ring after hours.

What if I come to hospital?
• Tell the hospital your GP’s name, address and phone number so the hospital can send information about your health to your GP.
• If you do not have a GP but want to have ongoing GP care after your hospital visit, make sure the GP clinic you select is aware that you are a new patient.
• That way your selected GP will have all important information sent to the hospital by your first appointment.

How much will it cost to see a GP?
• Ask how much your appointment will cost and how much “out of pocket” expense you will have. Some practices ‘bulk bill’ or reduce fees for some patients such as pensioners and health care card holders.
• If you or your family need frequent medical appointments or have high medical costs you can register for the Medicare Safety Net. Once you reach the Medicare Safety Net threshold, visits to the doctor or having tests may end up costing you less. For further information and to register for the Medicare Safety Net contact Medicare:

Web: www.medicareaustralia.gov.au
Call 132 011
Visit your local Medicare Office

Finding a GP/GP Clinic
• Use this Poster to locate your nearest GP Clinic
• Ask friends or family members who they recommend
• Check your government website www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au (click on Find a Health Service)
• Use this Poster to locate your nearest GP Clinic

Use the Yellow Pages

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