

Urgent Care Centers... Medical Facilities that Offer Peace of Mind

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The initial urgent care centers opened in the 1970s. Since then this sector of the healthcare industry has rapidly expanded to over 10,000 centers. Many of these centers have been started by emergency medicine physicians who have responded to the public need for convenient access to unscheduled medical care. Much of the growth of these centers has been fueled by the significant savings that urgent care centers provide over the care in a hospital emergency department. Many managed care organizations now encourage their members to utilize the urgent care option.

For families and international visitors in the South Broward area, the Hollywood Medical Clinic/La Clinique Soleil is an exceptional urgent care center. It was founded by highly trained and board certified family medicine physician, Dr. Sandro Bacchelli, who is an internationally known and respected physician with over 20 years experience. He speaks five languages to assist any of his multi-lingual patients. It is rare to find a physician who can actually explain medical questions in all five languages.

As we know, South Florida is a melting pot of visitors from all over the world and when a visitor gets ill, it is much worse to be in a foreign country, so having multi-lingual physicians and staff available is extraordinary.

The Hollywood Medical Clinic provides Urgent Care 7days/week which is so important if an

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emergency occurs, but not one that requires going to the hospital. Another medical associate of Dr. Bacchelli is

Linda Barreras, who is a Board Certified Nurse Practitioner, with over 20 years experience with all age groups.

The Hollywood Medical Clinic/La Clinique Soleil provides the following medical services: Family Medicine, Preventive Medicine, Urgent Care, International Medical Care, Women's Health, Diabetes care, Care of Chronic conditions, INR testing, Lab Tests, x-rays, EKG's, bracing, sutures, splinting, drug testing, school sports, camp and employment physicals, DOT physicals, pre-operation clearance, fast-track Coumadin clinic, Worker's Compensation, house calls for international patients and private pay patients, and flu shots. A unique aspect of the practice is their multi-lingual physicians and staff who speak English, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. For more information and for an appointment, call 954-342-8800.

For Urgent care that is minor, go directly to the Hollywood Medical Clinic, 750 South Federal Highway Hollywood, FL 33020. For any life-threatening emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.