

# Prioritizing health: Why a primary care doctor is essential



A primary care doctor, also known as a family physician or general practitioner, is a healthcare professional who provides comprehensive medical care for people of all ages. Having a primary care doctor is essential for maintaining good health. These healthcare professionals provide comprehensive medical care and serve as the first point of contact for most health concerns.

## Key benefits of having a primary care doctor

**Access to preventive care services.** Regular check-ups and screenings can help detect potential health issues early when they are often more treatable. Your primary care doctor can recommend appropriate screenings based on your age, family history, and risk factors, such as mammograms, colonoscopies, or blood tests.

**Coordinated care.** Primary care doctors serve as the central hub for your overall healthcare. They coordinate with specialists, if needed, and ensure that all aspects of your care are managed effectively.

**Continuity of care.** Building a long-term relationship with a primary care doctor allows them to develop a comprehensive understanding of your medical history, lifestyle, and personal preferences.

**Chronic condition management.** For individuals with chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease, or asthma, having a primary care doctor is essential. They can monitor your condition, adjust treatments as needed, and provide guidance on lifestyle modifications to help you maintain optimal health.

**Convenient access to care.** Primary care doctors are often more accessible than specialists, making it easier to schedule appointments for routine check-ups or urgent concerns. They can also provide referrals to specialists when necessary, ensuring you receive the appropriate level of care.

Don't have a primary care doctor? We can help locate an in-network provider that meets your needs. Contact us to prioritize your well-being by establishing this crucial healthcare relationship.



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