

Bantry Urgent Care Centre

For the people of West Cork and surrounding areas

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Medical Assessment Unit

Open Monday to Friday – 9am to 4.30pm

(Outside of these hours patients with medical conditions can still be referred to the hospital 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by the GP/SouthDoc.)

The Medical Assessment Unit treats patients with medical conditions such as:

- ✓ Chest pain (suspected heart attack),
- ✓ Suspected stroke,
- ✓ Respiratory (breathing) conditions,
- ✓ Fever, seizures and headaches, and
- ✓ Suspected illnesses such as pneumonia or chest infections.

Your GP or SouthDoc can refer you to the Medical Assessment Unit for urgent assessment and/or treatment or you can refer yourself. At the Medical Assessment Unit you will be seen, within an hour, by a senior doctor.

When the Medical Assessment Unit is closed, your GP or SouthDoc can refer you directly to Bantry General Hospital with a suspected heart attack, stroke or other medical condition, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Local Injury Unit

Open seven days a week – 8am to 8pm

The Local Injury Unit treats*

We can treat **recent** injuries or conditions.

- ✓ Suspected broken bones to legs (from knees to toes)
 - ✓ Suspected broken bones to arms (from collar bone to finger tips)
 - ✓ All sprains and strains
 - ✓ Minor facial injuries (including oral, dental and nasal injuries)
 - ✓ Minor scalds and burns
 - ✓ Wounds, bites, cuts, grazes and scalp lacerations (cuts)
 - ✓ Small abscesses (a collection of pus causing swelling) and boils
 - ✓ Splinters and fish hooks
 - ✓ Foreign bodies such as dust, food or sand in eyes, ears or nose
 - ✓ Minor head injury (fully conscious patients, who did not experience loss of consciousness or vomit after the head injury).
- * above list should be recent injuries

The Local Injury Unit does not treat

- ✗ Children younger than five years of age
- ✗ Injuries following a fall from a height or a road traffic accident
- ✗ Serious head injury
- ✗ Abdominal (stomach) pain
- ✗ Neck or back pain
- ✗ Gynaecological problems (such as period problems)
- ✗ Pregnancy related conditions
- ✗ Pelvis or hip fractures
- ✗ Children aged five years or older with non-use of a limb or a non-traumatic limp (a limp which has not been caused by an injury or an accident).

You can go yourself to the Local Injury Unit or your GP (doctor) or SouthDoc can refer you.

For minor injury treatment outside of the opening hours (8am to 8pm), you can go to:

- SouthDoc 1850 335999,
- a GP, or
- your nearest Emergency Department.

You may also wait until the Local Injury Unit re-opens the following morning.

In an emergency, please go to your nearest Emergency Department or call an ambulance on telephone 999 or 112.

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