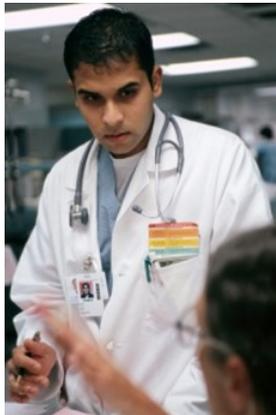


**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
for
SOONERCARE CHOICE
MEMBERS**

Your doctor will give you a phone number you can call 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. Call that number before you to the ER if you are experiencing an urgent matter.



CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY

if you OR your child has these symptoms:

- Fever, chills and swollen lymph nodes with an infected area which is red, warm, swollen and tender.
- A red, swollen, tender rash that is changing quickly.
- If the infected area has red streaks coming from it.
- The infected area is in the groin or on the face, especially if there is pain in or near the eye.

Contact your doctor to make an appointment if you have the following symptoms:

- Signs of a skin infection, such as an area that is warm, red, swollen and tender, but there is no fever.
- The sore (abscess) is larger than the size of a nickel.
- The sore (abscess) continues to get larger or becomes more painful.

NEVER use an antibiotic that is old, was prescribed for another reason, or was prescribed for someone else.

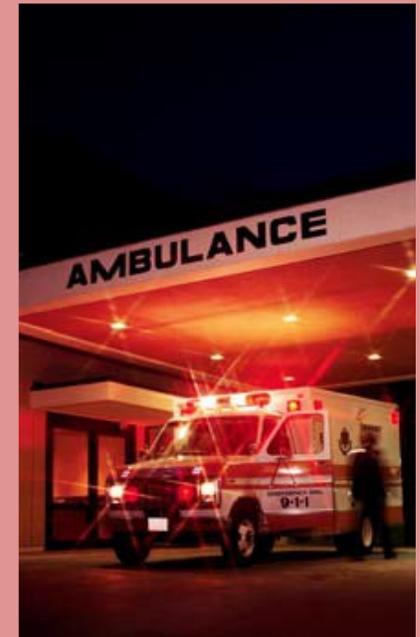


Things you can do to help manage the skin infection or abscess:

- Elevate the affected arm or leg to reduce swelling.
- Put warm compresses on the area.
- Use over-the-counter pain relievers as needed such as ibuprofen (Advil or Motrin) or acetaminophen (Tylenol). *Be sure* to follow the labeled instructions.
- Do NOT give medication containing aspirin to a child younger than 18 years old.
- Keep the wound clean by washing with soap and water and applying an antibiotic ointment.
- Do NOT try to drain the sore by pressing on it. This can push the infected material into deeper tissues.
- Do NOT stick a needle or other sharp object into the sore because you may injure an underlying blood vessel or cause the infection to spread.

REMEMBER: Go to the Emergency Room only if:

- Your doctor directs you to do so.
-or-
- Due to unusual circumstances beyond your control, you cannot reach your doctor AND your symptoms match those listed in the CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY section.



**Central Communities
Health Access Network**

**P.O. Box 850592
Yukon, OK 73085**

<http://cc-han.com>