



# After Hours Care Policy

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Even when our office is closed, medical advice is available around the clock from Bainbridge Pediatrics!

**FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.**

For non-emergency medical problems that occur when our office is closed, we offer several options (please note your good judgment should always take precedence over information in these guidelines):

1. Our website contains a wealth of information intended to help guide you in the care of your child. You can access dosing information for fever medication, home remedies for colds and over the counter cough and cold medications. “Is your child sick” will link you to excellent medical sources on common childhood diseases and their treatments.
2. If you would like to speak with a pediatric triage nurse after hours, please call our main number 206.780.KIDS (5437) and follow the prompts for after-hours medical advice. You will be connected to the Seattle Children’s Hospital Nurse Triage Team. If, after speaking with the nurse, you or the nurse feels it is appropriate to speak to the physician on call, the nurse will facilitate that communication. **(Please note: there will be an \$18.00 fee imposed for each call made to the Seattle Children’s Hospital Nurse Triage Team. This amount will be billed to the patients account and is not covered by insurance.)**

Should your child require a hospital visit after hours, the nurse or physician on call will assist you in choosing the most appropriate hospital. We refer most of our pediatric patients to Seattle Children’s Hospital, Swedish Medical Center or Harrison Hospital.