Sandia Medical Clinic Clinical Scope of Practice

Employee Health Services Sandia Medical Clinic (SMC) is an ambulatory care clinic dedicated to treatment of a broad spectrum of illnesses and injuries. Those patients that require emergent evaluation or treatment beyond the scope of an urgent care clinic are transported offsite to the emergency department. All patients who are seen in the SMC are encouraged to have a primary care practitioner (PCP) for management of conditions beyond the SMC scope of practice and for medical care outside of SMC hours.

The Sandia Medical Clinic provides treatment of acute illnesses and injuries to Sandia employees. The Sandia Medical Clinic provides limited services to contractors and visitors. Contractors can receive initial treatment for acute work-related injuries and illnesses. Contractors may be evaluated for medical emergencies and, if necessary, will be transported offsite to an emergency department. Follow-up care for contractors treated initially onsite would be provided by the contacting company's occupational health provider. Visitors can receive care, but only for perceived medical emergencies. A visitor, who based on the SMC's initial evaluation needs emergent medical attention, would be transported offsite to an emergency department.

### Sandia Medical Clinic: Most Commonly Treated Conditions

- Upper respiratory infections, including bronchitis, sinusitis, and pharyngitis
- Musculoskeletal pain, strains, and joint sprains
- Work-related injuries
- Allergies
- Chest pain, headache, abdominal pain
- Urinary tract infections

Patients with more complicated illness, or those who fail to improve with onsite treatment, are referred to the appropriate specialist or their PCP for management of their illness.

The SMC practitioner, may, at his or her discretion, begin an evaluation of other conditions. Employees will be referred offsite when involvement of the PCP or specialist is needed to ensure optimal continuity of care and ongoing clinical management of the condition.

For additional information refer to each program's individual treatment guidelines.