

Visit to the doctor

General practitioners and specialists

Are you ill? Go to your family doctor. You can choose your own family doctor. General practitioners set their own opening hours. Do you want your family doctor to help you? Make an appointment.

General practitioners carry out important examinations. They are your first point of contact in the event of illness. They decide on the medication you need. They decide whether a specialist examination is necessary.

If necessary, your GP will refer you to a specialist. They can carry out specialised examinations.

💡 Do you need help finding a suitable doctor? Ask your support group. Alternatively, ask the counsellor at your accommodation.

💡 Are you looking for asylum? Are you ill? Do you need to see a doctor? Then you will receive a treatment voucher from the [social welfare office](#). With this, the doctor's visit is free of charge for you.

💡 Do you need an operation? Is it not an emergency? Then the [social welfare office](#) must authorise your stay in hospital. Apply for authorisation before you go to the hospital. Your doctor will issue you with a medical certificate. The social welfare office will only cover medically necessary procedures.

If the practice is closed, the medical on-call service 📞 [116117](#) can help .

🌐 You can search for emergency practices [here](#). These are doctors who can also help outside opening hours.