



## YELLOWKNIFE HEALTH CARE FAQ

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Question:	Answer:
Will my family have access to health care?	Yes, you will have access to health care. There can be limitations to staff shortages or availability of specialists.
Are all medical services offered in Yellowknife?	<p>No, some consultations, tests, procedures and surgeries cannot be completed in Yellowknife. Clients are sent South, usually to Edmonton, on medical travel.</p> <p>Some specialists come to Yellowknife on a scheduled basis and some specialist appointments are not held in Yellowknife at all.</p> <p>It is suggested to have your current family doctor speak with a local health professional to ensure that your health care needs can be met locally.</p> <p>Note: most recently it was announced that rheumatology services would no longer be offered in the NWT.</p>
Is there a wait list to secure a family doctor?	Yes, like most parts of Canada, you will be placed on a wait list (2+ years) to be assigned a family doctor. Once you do secure a family doctor it is important to note that due to a turnover in staffing, it is not very likely that you will keep the same doctor throughout your posting. However, doctor turnover should not impact the quality of care you receive.
Can I still access health care services without being assigned a family doctor?	Yes, you can access health care services through booking clinic appointments, booking same day appointments or attending one of the walk-in clinics.



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<p>What is the availability / accessibility for walk-in medical clinics?</p>	<p>There are a few “walk-in” day and evening medical clinics that are easily accessible for families, such as Frame Lake Community Centre, Range Lake Walk In Clinic and Wait times to see a doctor during walk-in clinic hours are relatively minimal and overall feedback of care is positive.</p> <p>Additional information on Yellowknife Health Clinics can be found in the Yellowknife Posting Handbook: <a href="https://cfmws.ca/CFMWS/media/Yellowknife/documents/Posting-Handbook-2022.pdf">https://cfmws.ca/CFMWS/media/Yellowknife/documents/Posting-Handbook-2022.pdf</a></p> <p>Assistance in determining if you should go to the emergency room or book an appointment is available by calling 8-1-1 where you’ll be able to speak to a health professional.</p>
<p>Are there other resources available for non-emergency, after hours care or when I can’t get in to see a doctor?</p>	<p>Yes! Military families can access the MAPLE app and receive a consultation with a live doctor for no cost. All you need is to download the app on your mobile device or tablet and have a CF1 number for each dependent. You can get medical advice, prescriptions (new or refills) and lab/imaging requisitions. This service is available via text, phone or video. The consult is relatively quick and if you require a prescription, it will be transmitted within minutes of your consult to a pharmacy of your choice.</p> <p>Click here for more information: <a href="https://cfmws.ca/support-services/health-wellness/health-care/virtual-doctor-support-for-military-families">https://cfmws.ca/support-services/health-wellness/health-care/virtual-doctor-support-for-military-families</a></p>
<p>Is there financial assistance for medical travel?</p>	<p>Yes, if you need to see a specialist or need a specific appointment or procedure that is not available in Yellowknife.</p> <p>If you require ongoing or frequent medical appointments or services you should talk with your current doctor and investigate the level/availability of care in Yellowknife. If you require frequent or ongoing medical care, for chronic conditions outside of Yellowknife, financial support may be declined.</p>

