

Read the info on a real ER, and complete the activities below.

## Emergency Department

Northern Inyo Hospital's Emergency Department is the only emergency department in Bishop, CA and in Northern Inyo

County. Our emergency department provides medical care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are committed to safe, quality care when you need it the most.

Northern Inyo Hospital is a critical access hospital licensed by the state of California. Our emergency department has 8 beds and is staffed with a team trained to respond to any emergency medical situation.

In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

### Services

Northern Inyo Healthcare District's Emergency Department medical team provides treatment and care for:

- Acute respiratory distress
- Confusion/change in mental state
- Loss of balance, strength, sensation, or ability to see or speak
- Acute chest pain
- Acute abdominal pain
- Laceration repair and wound care
- Extremity injuries, broken bones and dislocated joints
- Minor trauma
- Stabilization and transport of major trauma
- Infections
- Diabetic complications
- Eye, ear, nose and throat problems
- Dehydration
- Early Pregnancy problems
- Psychological problems
- Animal bites
- Victims of suspected/alleged abuse or assault
- Accidental poisoning and/or overdose
- Opiate withdrawal treatment/starting Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Stabilization and transport of conditions requiring specialty care not available at Northern Inyo Healthcare District



## Should This Patient Go to the Emergency Department?

**Instructions:** Read each case and choose the best option:

→ / **Yes, go to the Emergency Department** → / **No, go somewhere else**

- A 65-year-old man suddenly develops chest pain and shortness of breath.  
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A child has had a mild fever and runny nose for two days but is eating and drinking normally.  
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A woman in early pregnancy begins experiencing severe abdominal cramps and light bleeding.  
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere e
- A man accidentally cuts his hand while cooking. The cut is deep and won't stop bleeding.  
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A teenager feels anxious before an exam and asks for support managing test stress.  
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- An elderly woman suddenly becomes confused and cannot recognize her surroundings.  
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A man twists his ankle while hiking and cannot put weight on it.  
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A young adult wants help quitting opioids and is looking to start treatment.  
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A person with diabetes feels weak, dizzy, and confused after missing a meal.  
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A woman calls in because her child was bitten by a neighborhood dog.  
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else