

FREESTANDING

EMERGENCY

DEPARTMENT

UAB Medicine's Freestanding Emergency Department at Gardendale (FED) offers the same quality care as the Emergency Departments on the main UAB campus. No appointment is needed. The information below explains more, including details on urgent care clinics, which usually are the best choice for minor injuries and medical conditions.



at GARDENDALE



What is a Freestanding Emergency Department?

A Freestanding Emergency Department (FED) is a type of emergency department that is conveniently located in a neighborhood instead of being housed within a hospital.



Freestanding Emergency Department vs. Urgent Care: What's the Difference?

While urgent care clinics are generally open 7 days a week and

appointments are not needed, they do not provide care for life-threatening illnesses and injuries like a Freestanding Emergency Department. The UAB Medicine FED in Gardendale is:

- Equipped to handle nearly any medical emergency, including heart attack, stroke, minor trauma, and much more
- Open 24/7, 365 days per year
- Treat serious injuries and medical conditions in children and adults of all ages
- Staffed with board-certified emergency physicians and experienced emergency nurses
- Equipped with a full range of lab & diagnostic imaging services

Cost of Freestanding Emergency Department Care vs. Urgent Care

Visiting an urgent care clinic usually means lower out-of-pocket costs - with or without insurance coverage - than visiting an FED. Urgent care clinics, such as UAB Medicine Urgent Care in downtown Birmingham, can be a cheaper and faster alternative for non-emergent care.

