



WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A REGULAR GP

NATIONAL HOME DOCTOR SERVICE IS THE BEST CHOICE WHEN YOU NEED A HOME VISITING DOCTOR ON WEEKNIGHTS, WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, BUT WE ARE NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR YOUR REGULAR GP. YOUR REGULAR GP PLAYS AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN MANAGING YOUR HEALTH.

- ▶ A regular GP is essential for managing ongoing or recurring medical conditions. Effective treatment often takes time. Your regular GP can help monitor and manage medications you are taking, and can make referrals to specialist doctors for treatment of complex or acute illnesses.
- ▶ Having a regular GP means your comprehensive medical history is stored in one place. This makes it simpler to accurately and promptly diagnose any medical conditions that arise. *National Home Doctor Service* provides patient reports to regular GPs so they can add it to their patients' medical histories.
- ▶ A regular GP has in-depth knowledge and experience of local health services. If you need assistance with ongoing conditions, your GP may be able to assist.
- ▶ GPs can help you to prevent medical problems. A regular GP can ensure you receive important age- and health-appropriate vaccines and health-screenings such as pap-smears, colonoscopies, and prostate exams.
- ▶ GP's can provide preventative care such as vaccines, health screens and health checks for diabetes or asthma.