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Cabarrus Family Medicine Brings Urgent Care to Mt. Pleasant Area

On April 18, Cabarrus Family Medicine (CFM) will open a third urgent care, *The Urgent Care at Mt. Pleasant* at 8560 Cook Street in Mt. Pleasant.

Urgent care is defined as the delivery of ambulatory medical care outside of a hospital emergency department on a walk-in basis without a scheduled appointment. The third clinic offers after-hours medical care that cannot be delayed until patients' primary care physician's office is available. This acute and sub-acute treatment includes laceration repair, foreign body removal, and minor fracture managements, as well as x-ray and laboratory services.

The Urgent Care at Mt. Pleasant should provide benefits community-wide, as a convenience for patients and as a relief to our local hospital's emergency department. According to the Center for Disease Control, patient visits to hospital emergency departments currently average 3.2 hours, and 40% of these visits are for non-urgent or semi-urgent problems. Many of these emergency department visits are more appropriately managed through urgent care.

The Urgent Care at Mt. Pleasant aims to provide high quality, efficient, after-hours care to the community. This will also offer sufficient cost savings to both patients and insurers over the alternative of hospital emergency departments for episodic care. Elizabeth Polo, Vice President of Operations for CFM said, "There is a huge need in the community for this. Residential growth is tremendous around the Mt. Pleasant area, and currently, these people do not have anywhere to go for urgent care. We're trying to meet that need."

The Urgent Care at Mt. Pleasant is open:
Saturday 8am – 12pm