Doctor or walk-in clinic visit checklist

What to bring and ask at a clinic visit. Coverage and fees depend on your province and your insurance; check the official page for your province or your school's health plan.

NAME _____ DATE _____

BEFORE YOU GO

- [ ] ☐ Not sure where to go? Call your province's or territory's nurse advice line (811 in most places; Manitoba: 1-888-315-9257); see the facts below and the which-number card
- [ ] ☐ Emergency: call 911
- [ ] ☐ Clinic hours and whether it takes walk-ins or appointments
- [ ] ☐ Whether you will be billed: provincial health card, school or private insurance, or paying yourself

BRING

- [ ] ☐ Provincial health card, if you have one (offices, hospitals, walk-in clinics and labs can require it)
- [ ] ☐ Student or private insurance card and policy number
- [ ] ☐ Photo ID
- [ ] ☐ List of medications, doses and allergies
- [ ] ☐ Dates and details of your symptoms, written down
- [ ] ☐ Earlier test results or records, translated if you have them

ASK

- [ ] ☐ What is the diagnosis or what do you think it is?
- [ ] ☐ What should I do, and what if it does not improve?
- [ ] ☐ Do I need a test, a prescription or a referral, and how will I get results?
- [ ] ☐ Can I get a note for my school, and is there a fee for it?

AFTER

- [ ] ☐ Prescription filled; ask the pharmacist about side effects
- [ ] ☐ Receipts kept for an insurance claim
- [ ] ☐ Follow-up date in your calendar

Replace every [bracket] with your own words.

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