

Recordability - First Aid vs. Medical Treatment & Significant Diagnosed Injury or Illness

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NOT Recordable

- Visits to a physician or other LHCP solely for observation or counseling.
- Diagnostic procedures, such as x-rays and blood tests, including the administration of prescription medications solely for diagnostic purposes (e.g., eye drop to dilate pupils).

First Aid (All Inclusive) – NOT Recordable

- Using nonprescription medications at nonprescription strength (for medications available in both prescription and nonprescription form, a recommendation by a physician or other licensed health care professional to use a nonprescription drug at prescription strength is considered medical treatment for recordkeeping purposes).
- Administering tetanus immunizations (other immunizations, such as Hepatitis B vaccine or rabies vaccine, are considered medical treatment).
- Cleaning, flushing or soaking wounds on the surface of the skin.
- Using wound coverings such as bandages, Band-Aids™, gauze pads, etc. or using butterfly bandages, Steri-Strips™ (other wound closing devices such as sutures, staples, etc. are considered medical treatment).
- Using hot or cold therapy.
- Using any non-rigid means of support, such as elastic bandages, wraps, non-rigid back belts, etc. (devices with rigid stays or other systems designed to immobilize parts of the body are considered medical treatment for recordkeeping purposes).
- Using temporary immobilization while transporting an accident victim (e.g., splints, slings, neck collars, back boards, etc.).
- Drilling of a fingernail or toenail to relieve pressure, or draining fluid from a blister.
- Using eye patches.
- Removing foreign bodies from the eye using only irrigation or a cotton swab.
- Removing splinters or foreign material from areas other than the eye by irrigation, tweezers, cotton swabs or other simple means.
- Using fingers guards.
- Using massages (physical therapy or chiropractic treatment are considered medical treatment for recordkeeping purposes).
- Drinking fluids for relief of heat stress.

Medical Treatment - Recordable

- All treatment that does not fall into first aid as listed above.
- Using prescription medications or use of a non-prescription drug at prescription strength.
- Using wound closing devices such as surgical glue, sutures, staples, etc.
- Using any devices with rigid stays or other systems designed to immobilize parts of the body.

Significant Diagnosed Injury or Illness - Recordable

- Work-related cases involving cancer, chronic irreversible disease, a fracture or cracked bone, or a punctured eardrum must always be recorded under the general criteria at the time of diagnosis by a physician or other licensed health care professional.