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Memorial to Launch 24-Hour Urgent Care Services

Memorial Health System will open the region's first 24-hour urgent care center at Main Street Medical Group, 6913 N. Main Street, Granger.

On Tuesday, July 6, the current Med-Point at Main Street Medical Group will become Med-Point24. The center will be staffed by board-certified physicians 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with other providers also available during peak hours. Med-Point24 will be the only 24-hour urgent care facility in northern Indiana.

"When a minor injury or sickness occurs during the night, it can make more sense to visit a 24-hour urgent care facility than an ER," says Modupe Popoola, M.D., medical director of Memorial's Med-Point urgent care centers. "Close to 40 percent of cases handled through the ER are minor in nature and may be more efficiently managed at Med-Point24." In the event of major emergencies, Med-Point24 staff will collaborate with Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department to transfer patients for more advanced care.

Med-Point24 can save patients time and money. Patients at Med-Point are often examined and treated in 60 minutes or less. Med-Point24 is also an attractive, low-cost option. The average co-pay for an ER visit can be up to \$200, whereas the typical co-pay at Med-Point is \$50 or less.

"Our Med-Point centers have offered families convenient access to a physician for over 25 years," says Michael Gordon, executive director of Memorial Medical Group. "Now, this access is available at any time, day or night, and includes radiology, laboratory services, physical therapy, occupational medicine and other complementary services in one convenient stop."

Memorial Health System has two Med-Point Urgent Care Centers, located in South Bend and Granger; and three *MEDPOINT express* clinics, located in South Bend, Elkhart and Valparaiso.

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