

**Recordability-First Aid vs Medical Treatment,  
And 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 drops to dilate pupils).
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First Aid (All Inclusive) - Not Recordable

- Using **nonprescription medications** at nonprescription strength (for medications available as both prescription and non-prescription drugs. A recommendation by a physician or other licensed health care professional\* to use a non-prescription drug at prescription strength is considered medical treatment for recordkeeping purposes).
  - Administering tetanus or diphtheria **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, butterfly bandages, Steri-Strips, etc. (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 devices 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 eyes** by irrigation, tweezers, cotton swabs or other simple means.
  - Using finger **guards**.
  - Using **non-therapeutic massages** (physical therapy or chiropractic treatment are considered medical treatment for recordkeeping purposes).
  - Drinking **fluids for relief** of heat disorders.
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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.
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Significant Diagnosed Injury or Illness - Recordable

- Any serious or significant work-related disorder that is diagnosed by a physician or other licensed health care provider or identified by a positive medical test. These include work-related cases involving cancer, chronic irreversible disease, a fractured or a cracked bone or a punctured eardrum.