

As you read, highlight key details about hospitals, clinics, mental health, programs, and dental care.

## Advanced Reading: Healthcare in Johnson County, Iowa

Johnson County has many healthcare options, from large hospitals to small clinics and wellness centers. One of the main hospitals is University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics (UIHC) in Iowa City. It's one of the top hospitals in the country and offers care in almost every medical specialty. People come from all over Iowa—and even other states or countries—for treatment, surgeries, and expert care.

If you need urgent care or a quick check-up, there are many walk-in clinics and urgent care centers in the area, including UI Urgent Care, UI Quickcare, and Mercy Iowa City Urgent Care. These places help with minor injuries, illnesses, and other non-emergency needs without needing an appointment.

For mental health support, there are several resources. The GuideLink Center in Iowa City offers 24/7 crisis care, including help for people struggling with mental health or substance use. There are also counseling centers, like Prelude Behavioral Services and UI Counseling Services, which offer therapy, addiction treatment, and support groups.

Johnson County also supports those who want to stay healthy through preventive care. Many clinics offer vaccines, yearly physicals, and health screenings. Community Health Free Clinic and Free Medical Clinic of Iowa City provide care to those without insurance or who need affordable services.

If you prefer natural care, the area has options like acupuncture, chiropractic care, and massage therapy. Wellness centers like Eastwind Healing Center or Natural Health Improvement Center.

Johnson County has many dental care options, from full services at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics to Iow-cost care at the Free Medical and Dental Clinic. Families can access free programs like I-Smile and "Give Kids a Smile" for children's dental needs.

Pharmacies are easy to find too. Big stores like CVS, Walmart Pharmacy, Walgreens, and Hy-Vee Pharmacy are in most neighborhoods. You can fill prescriptions, get flu shots, or ask questions about your medications.

For families with children, Pediatrics Associates and UI Stead Family Children's Hospital offer specialized care for kids. They handle everything from regular check-ups to complex conditions in a kid-friendly environment.

Whether you need emergency care, mental health help, or a simple check-up, Johnson County has a wide range of healthcare services to support your well-being.

Now that you've read the passage, answer the questions on the next page.

Take your time and use the text to help you.











## **Short Answer Questions**

- What is the name of the main hospital in Johnson County?
- Why do people travel from other states or countries to UIHC?
- What types of healthcare services do walk-in clinics provide?
- Name two urgent care centers in Johnson County.
- What does the GuideLink Center offer?
- What is the purpose of the Community Health Free Clinic?
- Name two types of natural or alternative care available in Johnson County.
- Where can people get low-cost dental care in Johnson County?
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- What are two dental programs for children mentioned in the text?
- List two pharmacies located in most neighborhoods of Johnson County.
- What kind of care does UI Stead Family Children's Hospital provide?
- What are three preventive care services mentioned in the text?
- Who can benefit from the Free Medical Clinic of Iowa City?
- What is one thing you can do at most local pharmacies besides filling prescriptions?







