

## Medical care services for international exchange students

International exchange students are similarly entitled to Finnish health care as other foreigners residing in Finland. When it comes to public health care services, international exchange students are only entitled to urgent medical care. Therefore, it is essential that exchange students have an insurance that is valid throughout their stay in Finland. However, students from EU countries, ETA countries or Switzerland can also receive necessary medical care in public health care by presenting a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC):

- <https://www.eu-healthcare.fi/healthcare-in-finland/moving-to-finland/>

### Urgent care

Patients are always entitled to urgent care in Finnish public health care regardless of which country they came from or why they are in Finland. In urgent situations, you must turn to the joint emergency services of the Hospital District of Southwest Finland, tel. +358 2 313 8800.

### Non-urgent care

You must turn to the private sector for these services and pay the costs yourself. For this reason, insurance is necessary.

Students who have a European Health Insurance Card can also seek care at public health stations. In this case, the student pays the same price for their care as a local municipal resident would and this is 20.60 euros for the first three visits/calendar year.

The health station is determined on the basis of your address. Please call the centralised service number for booking appointments, tel. +358 2 266 1130 (Mon-Fri from 8 am to 2 pm) and you will be guided to the right health station.