

Medical Services for CSU study abroad students in Florence

WHERE:

for:

Farmacia

OTC medicines, coughs and sniffles

look for green neon crosses

open to about 7.30pm

24 hours: stazione and piazza del Duomo

each quartiere has one that opens late

acetaminophen =paracetamol, otherwise most generic names are the same.

GP - general physician

For prescription drugs/ antibiotics / analgesics etc

Dr Kerr's office:

Office hours Mon to Friday 9-5

Phone the cell: 335 8361682 for an appt. (direct line to the doc)

or just turn up between 3-5pm (better to have an appt. though)

Out of hours and weekends, call the cell for advice.

ER (pronto soccorso)

at piazza Santa Maria Nuova

For emergencies, such as lacerations, probable

fractures

US: 911 = IT: 118 (just ambulance)

Also, Careggi is an enormous hospital on the outskirts of Florence.

Payment:

Pharmacies accept cash or credit card. Keep the receipt for prescribed drugs. This can be submitted to the insurance and may be reimbursed.

CSU's ACE insurance covers:

Medical issues such as infections, and injury.

Chronic issues such as asthma or diabetes have become a bit of a grey area.

Basically, the policy has a zero co-pay. The student pays nothing for the consultation if the doctor is on the ACE database, otherwise you can pay the cost of the consultation and send the receipt for reimbursement.

Not covered: contraception, vaccines, medical certs for the gym and STIs.

Medicines such as antibiotics aren't expensive. (e.g. week of antibiotics may cost €8, plan B €14/€27 monthly BC €8).

Aspirin, Tylenol and ibuprofen are relatively expensive though.

ER fees, not astronomical

Staying healthy:

When in Rome: get into the Mediterranean diet.

Labelling: organic food appears as "biologico"

Alcohol. Avoid binge drinking...trauma, STDs etc.

Don't accept drinks from strangers.

Many patients seen over the years with symptoms consistent consuming a spiked drink.

Bacterial Meningitis

Affects young adults

Spread by coughing / kissing

Tuscany 2015-2016 – outbreaks affecting dozens of people with some fatalities.

Vaccination is the best form of prevention, although not 100%.

Presentation:

Symptoms include sudden onset of fever, headache, stiff neck.

There are often additional symptoms, such as:

Nausea

Vomiting

Photophobia (increased sensitivity to light)

Altered mental status (confusion)

Post exposure antibiotics are recommended.

Dr Stephen KERR
piazza Mercato Nuovo 1 (nr H&M)
055 288055
335 8361682

More info www.dr-kerr.com

Services:

General / Family medicine

Contraception

Sports certificates require an EKG. If you have one from home within the last 12 months then get a copy (with a report that it is normal)

Travel vaccinations, flu vaccine: October-December

Allergy shots

Customs release certificates

Specialist referrals

