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New England Urgent Care, West Hartford is now open to meet a critical need for urgent medical care in West Hartford and the Farmington Valley

"With the new health care reform, many newly insured patients will start showing up in emergency rooms to address acute complaints that aren't necessarily life-threatening emergencies because they have not, or perhaps could not, get a timely appointment with a doctor's office. Urgent care as an industry is going to help alleviate the strain for both ERs and primary care physicians," explained Dr. Michael Gutman, Medical Director of New England Urgent Care, West Hartford.

Their new facility is located in the heart of West Hartford at 21 North Main Street in the same building as Rosenberg Orthodontics. Hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and weekends and holidays from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. No appointment is necessary. However, soon patients will have the ability to request an appointment through their website at www.NewEnglandUrgentCare.com

"We have the ability to treat colds, cough and flu-like symptoms; respiratory illness; ear infections; abdominal pain; allergic reactions; sprains, fractures and breaks; face and eye injuries; chest pain; bites and stings; lacerations; rashes and skin infections; urinary tract infections; sports injuries; dehydration; and school or work-related injuries," said Yahel Gutman, Clinical Manager.

New England Urgent Care, West Hartford is different from most walk-in clinics because the medical staff has extensive emergency room experience and can also provide X-rays, lab work and administer IVs.

Medical Director, MD, PhD, FACEP, Michael Gutman and his wife, Clinical Manager, RN, BSN, Yahel Gutman, have focused their long careers in emergency medicine. Both have worked in the emergency department at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. Dr. Gutman received his MD, PhD from the University of Western Ontario and joined the U.S. Army Reserves after the September 11 attacks, having been deployed multiple times to Iraq and Bosnia. Yahel Gutman, received the Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing from St. Francis Hospital in 2009 and is a graduate of Hebrew University.

"We are West Hartford residents and want to give back to our community," explained Dr. Gutman. "We have a passion for emergency care and feel we can provide an important and much needed service here."