



## **Sexual Health Clinic Tour**

The Sexual Health Clinic, better known as the STD Clinic, is located in Wing 9 of the Ravenholt Public Health Center on Shadow Lane. It's a walk-in clinic, meaning no appointment is necessary, and it is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Once you enter the health district, Wing 9 is located to your right. Because we want to maintain your privacy, the clinic's name is not on the door and we ask that you turn off your cell phone and put it in your pocket or purse.

Once you're inside the clinic, take a number and have seat. A clerk will call your number – again, we're using a number not your name so we can ensure your privacy. At the appropriate window, the clerk will help you fill out the required paperwork.

After your paperwork is complete, you'll go to the cashier to pay for your visit. The fee is \$30 and it must be paid prior to your exam. Bring your receipt back to the clinic in Wing 9.

The clerk will give you a cup so you can provide a urine sample. When you're finished, place the cup in the cabinet in the bathroom wall and return to the waiting room. Your number will be called again. The numbers are not called in order rather they are called based on the reason for your visit.

Once your number is called, a nurse will verify it as well as your date of birth. Then you'll be taken to the exam room.

In the exam room, the nurse will discuss your symptoms and review them with you and take a sexual history. This is an opportunity for you to ask any questions or address any issues and concerns you have. At this point, the nurse will give you an exam, if it is needed, and draw blood for additional testing. The nurse might bring you to the nurse phlebotomist – a blood draw specialist – if you're nervous about having your blood drawn or if you've had problems with it in the past.

Following your exam, you'll receive some final instructions from the nurse. It is possible that you'll be asked to stay in the waiting room for up to 30 minutes until your preliminary test results are ready. If that is the case, your nurse will bring you back to the exam room to discuss your results and provide you with needed treatment. Remember, the nurse will not use your name to call you back to the exam room but by the number that you've been using for the whole visit.

Before you leave you will be given a blue card with instructions about when you need to return to the clinic for your follow-up visit.

You can receive a copy of your test results for \$3. Test results are only given in person – not on the phone – and you must provide valid identification.

More information about the STD clinic is available on our website at [www.SNHD.info](http://www.SNHD.info).