

ZocDoc Comes To Houston, Bringing Better Access to Doctors

HOUSTON, /PRNewswire/ -- ZocDoc comes to the Greater Houston area today, bringing local patients fast, free and convenient access to appointments with nearby doctors. ZocDoc is improving access to healthcare by allowing patients to find local doctors, sort by location and insurance plan, read verified reviews and book appointments online at ZocDoc.com or via the ZocDoc iPhone App. More than 155,000 appointments are available in the Houston area via ZocDoc.

ZocDoc's unique service is offered at no charge to patients who receive around the clock access to medical providers' schedules and verified patient reviews of local doctors. Appointments with primary care physicians, obstetricians/gynecologists, and dermatologists are available in Greater Houston now, and more specialties will be added in the coming months.

A new patient booking an appointment for a routine physical from a Houston physician must wait 17 days on average, a study by national health care search and consulting firm Merritt Hawkins & Associates reported. However, 40 percent of all appointments scheduled by ZocDoc users occur within 24 hours, and more than 60 percent of ZocDoc patients secure appointments within 72 hours.

"We've heard from many frustrated patients in the Bayou City, who must wait weeks to visit physicians," said Cyrus Massoumi, ZocDoc CEO and co-founder. "ZocDoc helps residents of the Houston area receive the fast, convenient health care they deserve."

"Early response is crucial to successful medical treatment," said Dr. Oliver Kharraz, ZocDoc co-founder, COO, and chief medical officer. "ZocDoc gives patients more health care choices in their own neighborhoods, even allowing them to schedule appointments on nights and weekends when available."

To learn more about ZocDoc, please visit the ZocDoc press room. Patients can follow ZocDoc on the ZocDoc blog, via Twitter, or on Facebook.

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