

MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE CHOOSING NURSE PRACTITIONERS

as their health care provider of choice—and with good reason. By providing high-quality care, health education and counseling, NPs can lower the cost of health care for patients. In fact, patients with NPs as their primary care providers have fewer instances of emergency room visits, shorter hospital stays and often have lower medication costs. This is because NPs become not just your health care provider, but *Your Partner in Health*.

NPs have differentiated themselves from other health care providers by focusing on the whole person when treating specific health conditions, as well as educating their patients on the effects those conditions will have on them, their loved ones and their communities. NPs deliver a unique blend of nursing and medical care, assisting patients in making better lifestyle and health care decisions.



The American Association of Nurse Practitioners® (AANP) is the largest professional membership organization for NPs of all specialties. The mission of AANP is to empower all nurse practitioners to advance quality health care through practice, education, advocacy, research, and leadership. As *The Voice of the Nurse Practitioner*®, AANP represents the interests of NPs as providers of high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive, patient-centered health care.

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providing high-quality primary, acute and specialty health care services. Nurse practitioners (NPs) complete a graduate educational program and advanced clinical training in their area of specialty.

NPs diagnose and manage acute and chronic illness while focusing on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling—guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices.

QUICK NP FACTS

- NPs are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs).
- NPs are nationally certified as health care providers and practice under the rules and regulations of the state in which they are licensed.
- NPs, recognized as expert health care clinicians, provide health care services in all 50 states, Washington D.C. and in many other countries around the world.



WHAT NPs DO

NPs provide high-quality, cost-effective, personalized health care in both rural and urban settings in locations such as clinics, hospitals, emergency and urgent care sites, private physician or NP practices, nursing homes, retail-based clinics, schools and colleges and public health departments, to name just a few. NPs:

- Diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, infections and injuries.
- Order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests such as lab work and imaging studies.
- Prescribe medications and other treatments.
- Manage and coordinate a patient's care.

NPs ARE EXCELLENT PROVIDERS OF CARE AND ARE CERTIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Acute Care
- Adult
- Adult-Gerontology
- Dermatology
- Diabetes Management-Advanced
- Emergency
- Family
- Gerontology
- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Neonatal
- Oncology
- Orthopedics
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatric-Mental Health
- School Health
- Women's Health



NPs ALSO PRACTICE IN ADDITIONAL CLINICAL SPECIALTY AREAS SUCH AS:

- Addiction
- Cardiology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Occupational Health
- Oncology / Hematology
- Pain Management
- Palliative Care and Hospice
- Pulmonology