

What is a Nurse Practitioner?

- A Registered Nurse with advanced education and clinical training
- A collaborative member of the health care team
- Nurse Practitioners bring together the medical knowledge needed to diagnose and treat illnesses with the values and skills of nursing.

A Nurse Practitioner can do everything a Registered Nurse can do PLUS:

- Diagnose and treat minor acute illnesses and common medical disorders
- Assess, treat, and monitor common and stable chronic health conditions like diabetes, asthma, and high blood pressure
- Order and interpret diagnostic tests such as x-rays, ultrasounds, and lab tests
- Perform minor procedures such as suturing cuts and pap tests
- Works with communities to develop healthy living programs
- Works with you to develop a personal plan to improve you health
- Prescribe medications
- Prenatal and postnatal care
- Performs histories and physicals