

***The Primary Care Role of Nurse Practitioners***  
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**Briefing Speakers**

**Mona Counts, PhD, CRNP, FNAP, FAANP**

Dr Counts is a certified Family Nurse Practitioner and is the Clinical Director of the Primary Care Center of Mt. Morris, a rural nurse managed primary care clinic in Mt. Morris, Pennsylvania. She also holds the position of the Eloise Ross Eberly Professor at the Pennsylvania State University. She is Associate Professor in the School of Medicine at Pennsylvania State University and Adjunct Professor at West Virginia School of Medicine. She is involved in ongoing research support for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Center of Excellence for Remotely Under-served areas (CERMUSA). She has completed research support projects for the PA House of Representatives and the United States Public Health Service. She is currently the immediate past president of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

**Penny Kaye Jensen, MS, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, FAANP**

Dr. Jensen is a certified Family Nurse Practitioner who has worked as a nurse practitioner in the Primary Care Clinics in the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Salt Lake City where she has provided leadership and participated in quality measurement activities and outreach clinics for veterans in the Salt Lake region. She is a clinical professor at the University of Utah. She was one of seven nurse practitioners chosen to staff the Main Media Center Medical Clinic for the first time during the 2002 Winter Olympics. The decision to utilize nurse practitioners arose when evidence based practice data was presented to the International Olympic Game Officials. She is currently the president elect of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

**Marilou Shreve-Doffin, MSN, APN, CPNP**

Marilou Shreve-Doffin is a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner who owns her own practice, Rainbow Pediatric Services, in Rogers, Arkansas. After working as an RN for 10 yrs, she earned a Master of Science degree and obtained her Board Certification as a pediatric nurse practitioner. In 2005, she opened her own primary care pediatric clinic along with another PNP. She also works one day a week at Community Clinic at St. Francis House, a Federally Qualified Health Center that serves 80,000 patients in Northwest Arkansas. Marilou's practice, Rainbow Pediatric Services currently serves 1700 patients who range in age from newborns through 18 yrs with a full scope of acute and chronic health care issues.

**Thad Wilson, PhD, RN, FNP-BC**

Dr. Wilson has been a certified family nurse practitioner since 1985. He has served on faculty at the University of Missouri-Kansas City since 1995, first teaching in the FNP program and currently serving as Associate Dean. He practices in an inner city, nurse-managed clinic sponsored by the university. Dr. Wilson has been funded by the CDC, American Nurses Foundation and other organizations to conduct research on immunizations and school-based immunization programs. He was co-founder and is currently chair of the multidisciplinary Mid America Immunization Coalition, and has been involved with the ACNP since 1999. He currently serves as President of the American College of Nurse Practitioners.

**Michelle Artz**

**Chief Associate Director, Department of Government Affairs  
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