NURSE PRACTITIONERS

NPs are the providers of choice for millions of Americans. NPs evaluate patients, diagnose, write prescriptions and bring a comprehensive perspective to health care.

PRIMARY CARE FOCUS
NPs are choosing primary care more than physicians and physician assistants. In 2017, more than 87% of NPs were prepared in primary care programs, while only 14.5% of physicians entered a primary care residency.

AREA OF PRIMARY CARE PREPARATION
- 60.6% Family
- 21.3% Adult and Geriatrics
- 3.4% Women’s Health
- 4.6% Pediatrics

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICE
- Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing
- Registered Nurse License
- Graduate Nursing Education
- National Board Certification
- State NP Licensure/Registration

6+ YEARS OF ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL PREPARATION

MORE THAN 87% PREPARED IN PRIMARY CARE

DELIVER PRIMARY CARE

60% OF NPs SEE 3 OR MORE PATIENTS PER HOUR

INCREASING IN NUMBER
The number of nurse practitioners is expected to rise by 2025:

2019: 171,000
2022: 234,000
2025: 244,000

INCREASED IN NUMBER PRIMARY CARE FOCUS
With a track record of quality health care delivery for nearly a half a century...and a growing need for health care providers, especially in primary care...

An increase in the overall population, aging baby boomers, and the newly insured under the Affordable Care Act will bring millions more into the health care system.

Requirements for Practice
- Deliver primary care
- Prescribe medications in all 50 states

NPs at a Glance
- Over 5 decades of improving patient access and quality care
- Over 1.02 billion annual patient visits estimated
- Prescribe medications in all 50 states

NPs BY THE NUMBERS
- 85% accept Medicare
- 83% accept Medicaid
- 84% accept Private Insurance
- 82% accept Uninsured

PRESCRIPTION FOR THE FUTURE
2 out of 3 patients support legislation for greater access to NP services

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