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 2012, more than 80% of NPs were prepared in primary care programs, while only 14.6% of physicians entered a primary care residency.

AREA OF PRIMARY CARE PREPARATION

- 49% Family
- 22% Adult and Geriatrics
- 8% Women’s Health
- 8% Pediatrics

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICE

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

PRACTICE IN AT LEAST ONE PRIMARY CARE SETTING

- 3 out of 4

NPs at a glance

- Over 4 decades of improving patient access and quality care
- Over 900 million patient visits in 2012
- Prescribe medications in all 50 states and D.C.

Requirements for practice

- 6+ Years of academic and clinical preparation

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

- 2003: 68,300
- 2004: 82,000
- 2005: 97,000
- 2007: 106,000
- 2010: 120,000
- 2012: 140,000
- 2014: 157,000
- 2025: 244,000

NPs by the numbers

- 85% accept Medicare
- 84% accept Medicaid
- 94% accept Private Insurance
- 81% accept Uninsured

In the future

- 2 out of 3 patients support legislation for greater access to NP services

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