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.

PRIMARAY CARE FOCUS
NPs are choosing primary care more than physicians and physician assistants. In 2017, more than 89% of NPs were prepared in primary care programs, while only 14.5% of physicians entered a primary care residency.

AREA OF PRIMARY CARE PREPARATION
- 62.4% Family
- 23% Adult and Geriatrics
- 3.5% Women’s Health
- 4.8% Pediatrics

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

6+ YEARS OF ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL PREPARATION

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

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:

- 1999: 68,300
- 2001: 82,000
- 2003: 97,000
- 2004: 106,000
- 2007: 120,000
- 2010: 140,000
- 2013: 171,000
- 2017: 234,000
- 2025: 244,000

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

NPS BY THE NUMBERS
- 72% accept Medicare
- 78% accept Medicaid
- 81% accept Private Insurance
- 77% accept Uninsured

INCREASED IN NUMBER
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.

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