

NEW BRUNSWICK NURSE PRACTITIONERS

SUPPORTING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR ALL NEW BRUNSWICKERS

NB Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are advanced practice nurses who are educated to a master's level with a focus in primary health care. They have the knowledge, skills and ability to take care of the physical, emotional, mental and social aspects of their patients' health needs.

NPs do not work under the direction of a physician but work in collaboration with physicians and other healthcare team members such as dietitians, nurses, pharmacists, and many others. NPs provide care that blends the practice of medicine with the practice of nursing.



NPs CAN:

- Assess, diagnose and treat health issues
- Order medical imaging, bloodwork, and specialized tests.
- Perform minor procedures
- Prescribe medical and psychosocial treatments
- Prescribe medications and write orders to be carried out by other healthcare providers (e.g. dietary orders, oxygen therapy, physical therapy, etc.)
- Complete health and extended \ benefits forms
- Work autonomously with health care teams in acute, primary and residential settings
- Refer to specialists
- Admit and follow patients in the Extra mural program



THERE ARE OVER **235**
NPS IN NEW BRUNSWICK



88% OF NEW BRUNSWICKERS RATE THEIR NP'S SERVICE AS 8-10 OUT OF 10

IN NEW BRUNSWICK

NPs work in family practices, nursing homes, emergency rooms, health centres, correctional facilities, Canadian Forces, universities, schools, specialty clinics such as methadone, diabetes, mental health/addiction, and sexual health clinics, as well as private businesses.



NPs must complete annual licensing requirements administered by the Nurses Association of New Brunswick. NPs must also carry liability insurance administered by the Canadian Nurses Protective Society.



The Nurses Act was amended in July 2002 to enable the practice of nurse practitioners in New Brunswick.

NURSE PRACTITIONERS OF NEW BRUNSWICK CONTINUES TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, NURSES ASSOCIATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK, AND THE NEW BRUNSWICK NURSES UNION TO BETTER UTILIZE NPS AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE FOR NEW BRUNSWICKERS.

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