



South Island Primary Care Network Who Are Nurse Practitioners?

Nurse Practitioners are registered nurses who have completed advanced, master's-level clinical education, blending nursing and medical expertise to provide a complete range of healthcare services. From diagnosing and treating to prescribing and coordinating your care, Nurse Practitioners are committed to your lifelong health journey.

- **Primary Care Provider:** Acts as a dedicated provider for you and your family, like a family physician
- **Health Management:** Helps manage and improve both your physical and mental health
- **Medical Assessments:** Conducts thorough medical and physical evaluations
- **Tests & Diagnostics:** Orders and interprets medical imaging, bloodwork, and other tests
- **Diagnosis:** Identifies and explains medical conditions
- **Medication Prescriptions:** Prescribes medications and writes necessary medical orders
- **Form Completion:** Completes disability, ICBC, WorkSafeBC, and extended health benefits forms
- **Minor Procedures:** Provides in-clinic procedures such as IUD insertions, lesion removals, and biopsies
- **Referrals:** Connects you to specialized medical providers as needed
- **Team Collaboration:** Works with a healthcare team including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and mental health professionals to provide comprehensive care
- **Versatile Care Settings:** NPs also work in hospitals and other specialized settings to offer continuous care.

What is a Nurse Practitioner in Primary Care Clinics?

Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Clinics are a model of care developed and led by nurse practitioners. Within these clinics, team-based care is provided by nurse practitioners, registered nurses and allied health providers such as mental health counsellors and social workers, who work together to support the everyday healthcare needs of patients over the course of their lives



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