



BURTON Street FAMILY Practice

Nurse Practitioners Fact Sheet

What is a nurse practitioner?

A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse who has completed post-graduate education at a Master's level. They are registered health care providers with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Nurse practitioners provide services eligible for rebates through Medicare and provide prescriptions and access to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

They have been working across Australia since the year 2000 and provide health care across all States and Territories in Australia.

How can a nurse practitioner help you?

Nurse practitioners have extensive clinical experience, expertise and authority to diagnose and treat people of all ages with a variety of acute or chronic health conditions. They are able to work independently in an advanced and extended clinical role.

They practice collaboratively with other health professionals to improve access to healthcare for Australian Communities through health promotion, disease prevention, and health management strategies.

Nurse Practitioners work directly with you and provide comprehensive services including:

- Assessment and diagnosis of your health problems
- Referral for necessary x-ray and blood tests
- Prescriptions of medications
- Referrals to other health practitioners
- Education, counselling and support

They focus on you as a whole person while treating specific health problems in the context of family, work and other commitments.

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Helping you to access quality health care when and where you need it