



**Q: Do you know that there are 5,800 solutions to the Primary Care Shortage in Virginia?**

**A: Yes, Nurse Practitioners**



As leaders in primary and acute healthcare, the 5,800 Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in Virginia are highly qualified to participate in the planning and implementation of healthcare reform programs and are a vital part of the prescription for increasing access to high-quality healthcare.

NPs have been providing primary healthcare in Virginia for more than 45 years. They are graduates of master's, post-master's or doctoral NP programs, with advanced clinical preparation to provide primary, acute, and chronic care to patients of all ages and walks of life.

A large body of research has established that NPs provide high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive, personalized patient-centered healthcare with excellent outcomes. In addition to diagnosing and managing acute episodic and chronic illness, NPs place a strong emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention. They are skilled clinicians who include teaching and counseling to individuals, families and communities as a major part of their practice.

NPs practice collaboratively with healthcare professionals and others to assess, diagnose, treat, and manage the patient's health problems and needs. They serve as healthcare researchers, interdisciplinary consultants and patient advocates.



The Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners, in collaboration with the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, would like to recognize and thank the 5,800 NPs in Virginia who provide a significant contribution to the healthcare of the citizens of Virginia.



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