

## The Voice of the Nurse Practitioner®

### There are more than 270,000 nurse practitioners (NPs) licensed in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>

- More than 26,000 new NPs completed their academic programs in 2016-2017<sup>2</sup>
- 99.1% of NPs have graduate degrees<sup>3</sup>
- 87.1% of NPs are certified in an area of primary care, and 72.6% of all NPs deliver primary care<sup>3</sup>
- 82.9% of full-time NPs are accepting Medicare patients and 80.2% are accepting Medicaid patients<sup>3</sup>
- 41.7% of full-time NPs hold hospital privileges; 11.7% have long-term care privileges<sup>3</sup>
- 95.7% of NPs prescribe medications, and those in full-time practice write an average of 20 prescriptions per day<sup>3</sup>
- NPs hold prescriptive privileges, including controlled substances, in all 50 states and D.C.
- In 2018, the mean, full-time base salary for NPs was \$105,903<sup>3</sup>
- The majority of NPs (57.4%) see three or more patients per hour<sup>3</sup>
- Malpractice rates remain low; only 1.1% have been named as primary defendant in a malpractice case<sup>3</sup>
- NPs have been in practice an average of 10 years<sup>3</sup>
- The average age of NPs is 49 years<sup>3</sup>

### DISTRIBUTION, TOP PRACTICE SETTING AND CLINICAL FOCUS AREA BY AREA OF NP CERTIFICATION<sup>3</sup>

| Certification*                   | Percent of NPs | Top Practice Setting                 | Top Clinical Foci     |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Family^                          | 66.9           | Hospital Outpatient Clinic (13.5%)   | Primary Care (37.7%)  |
| Adult^                           | 12.0           | Hospital Outpatient Clinic (17.9%)   | Primary Care (17.4%)  |
| Adult-Gerontology Primary Care^  | 6.0            | Hospital Outpatient Clinic (14.4%)   | Primary Care (25.5%)  |
| Acute Care                       | 4.8            | Hospital Inpatient Unit (50.8%)      | Cardiology (16.9%)    |
| Pediatrics-Primary Care^         | 4.0            | Hospital Outpatient Clinic (31.1%)   | Primary Care (51.6%)  |
| Adult-Gerontology Acute Care     | 3.1            | Hospital Inpatient Unit (53.6%)      | Critical Care (16.4%) |
| Women's Health^                  | 2.7            | Private Group Practice (23.6%)       | OB/GYN (66.5%)        |
| Psychiatric/Mental Health-Family | 2.1            | Psych/Mental Health Facility (24.2%) | Psychiatric (67.6%)   |
| Psychiatric/Mental Health        | 2.0            | Psych/Mental Health Facility (28.7%) | Psychiatric (66.2%)   |
| Gerontology^                     | 1.8            | Long-Term Care Facility (20.5%)      | Primary Care (31.4%)  |

\* NPs may be certified in more than one area

^ Primary Care Focus

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<sup>1</sup>AANP National Nurse Practitioner Database, 2019

<sup>2</sup>American Association of Colleges of Nursing. (2018) 2017-2018 Enrollment and Graduations in Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs in Nursing. Washington D.C.: AACN.

<sup>3</sup>2018 AANP National Nurse Practitioner Sample Survey

# 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.



**NP: Your Partner in Health**

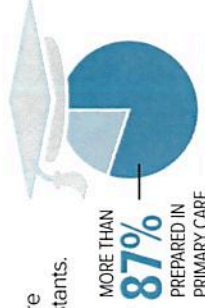
**With a track record of quality health care delivery for nearly half a century ...**

**and a growing need for health care providers, especially in primary care ...**

**nurse practitioners are a clear solution for patient-centered, accessible health care.**

## PRIMARY CARE FOCUS

NPs are choosing primary care more than physicians and physician assistants. In 2018, more than 87% of NPs were prepared in primary care programs, while only 8% of physicians entered a primary care residency.



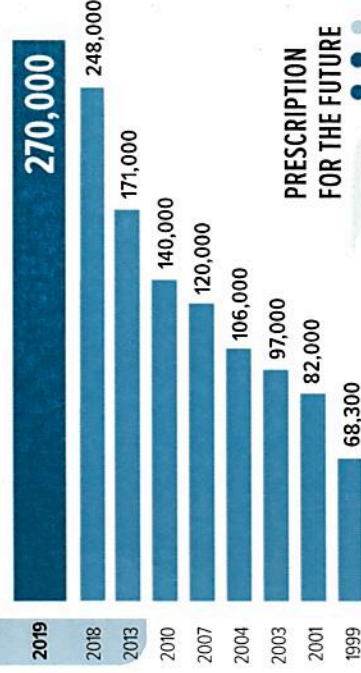
DELIVER PRIMARY CARE



An increase in the overall population, aging baby boomers and number of individuals living with chronic disease will drive the need for robust primary care access.

## INCREASING IN NUMBER

The number of nurse practitioners continues to grow rapidly.



## PRESCRIPTION FOR THE FUTURE



**2** out of **3** patients support legislation for greater access to NP services

## NPs AT A GLANCE

More than **5 decades** of improving patient access and quality care

Estimated annual patient visits exceed **1.06 billion**

Prescribe medications in all **50 states** and D.C.

## AREA OF PRIMARY CARE PREPARATION



## REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICE



**6+**

YEARS OF ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL PREPARATION

## NPs BY THE NUMBERS

**83%** accept Medicare  
**80%** accept Medicaid  
**87%** accept Private Insurance  
**77%** accept Uninsured

