WHERE DO APNs WORK?

- Anywhere where there are people, from the continuum of healthy to ill
- They work in a variety of settings including institutions and community settings
- They work in settings of higher education that prepare APNs
- They work in places that advocate for the well being of our fellow man.
- APNs work in all branches of the Armed Forces.

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Patients remark that they prefer seeing APNs for their health care needs because they:

- Take time to listen to patients’ concerns and answer questions
- Help patients understand their health issues and provide guidance
- Offer patients choices to treat their health care problems

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**ISAPN has three priorities:**
- Increase membership by recruiting new members and retaining current members
- Advocate for APNs in the legislature regarding prescriptive authority and scope of practice issues
- Provide educational programs

**Depending on their education and training, APNs can:**
- Take medical histories and perform physical examinations
- Diagnose and treat acute and chronic problems
- Provide routine health care, wellness and disease prevention from birth to end-of-life care
- Order and interpret laboratory tests, X-rays & other diagnostic tests
- Prescribe medications and treatments
- Manage normal pregnancy, labor and birth as well as many other aspects of women’s health
- Manage anesthesia care and pain management
- Enhance quality and safety throughout the continuum of healthcare
- Reduce healthcare costs, hospital length of stay, and hospital readmissions

**APNs are team players! Working together: Making a difference!**

**WHAT SPECIAL SERVICES DO APNs PROVIDE?**

**Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP):** provides the full scope of primary care services in hospitals and clinics with an emphasis on prevention, wellness and patient education. CNPs can diagnose and treat a variety of illnesses, including prescribing medication.

**Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM):** provides care for women throughout their lifespan through family planning, gynecologic services and menopausal management. CNMs also care for women during and after pregnancy, deliver babies and provide newborn care.

**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA):** provides anesthesia and pain management care to patients undergoing all types of surgeries and medical procedures, including childbirth and patients with acute and chronic pain conditions. CRNAs also provide expert airway management and critical care for emergency situations.

**Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS):** have advance knowledge in a specialized field of practice and are experts at diagnosing and treating illnesses. They also may prescribe medications. CNSs influence positive outcomes and focus within three spheres of influence: patients/families, nursing, and systems/organizations. They work in hospitals, clinics, offices or outpatient settings.