

NURSE PRACTITIONER 101:

An NP evaluates patients, diagnoses, writes prescriptions, and brings a comprehensive perspective to healthcare

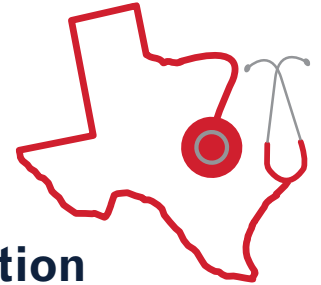
Problem:

50% of Texas counties have primary care shortages.



Solution:

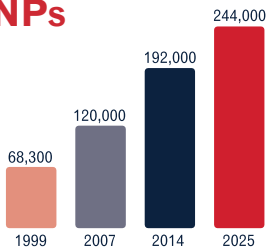
80% of NPs are prepared in primary care.



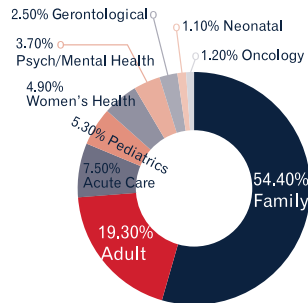
A Solution

As Texas faces an aging population, increasing health care demand, and doctor shortages, **NPs are increasingly proposed as a solution to the health care crisis.**

National Increase in NPs



National NP Distribution



Source: AANP

6+ Years

Education

NPs average 6+ years of academic & clinical preparation.

Numbers

There are over **14,825 NPs in Texas**, and growing.

Outcomes

NPs have **equal or better cost and health outcomes compared to physicians.**



Source: AANP (national figures).

NP Numbers

85% accept Medicare
84% accept Medicaid
94% accept private insurance
81% accept uninsured

Texas Practice Requirements

- State NP licensure
- National Board Certification
- Graduate nursing ed
- RN licensure
- Bachelors Degree in Nursing



Patient Support

2 out of 3 patients support legislation giving greater access to NPs



TEXAS NURSE PRACTITIONERS