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.

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.

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

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

Source: AANP (national figures).