



Do I need a Family Doctor too?

Nurse Practitioners can complete comprehensive physical assessments, monitor growth and development of babies and children and teens, and can take care of most illnesses and conditions. If there are complex health problems or something beyond the knowledge, skills or abilities of a Nurse Practitioner, the Nurse Practitioner can refer you on to the appropriate health care provider. Nurse Practitioners want each patient to get the best care possible, and sometimes that means the patient needs to be seen by a physician. And in other cases, the Nurse Practitioner may continue to care for a patient but in partnership with a physician and/or other health care professionals.