

Celebrating Nurse Practitioners' Week 2023

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Margo Devries-Rizzo, Nurse Practitioner Consultant

So, there's three levels of nursing. One is a registered practical nurse.

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The other is a registered nurse.

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And then the other is a registered nurse in the extended class known as the nurse practitioner.

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And it has to do with their level of education. It takes about eight years to become a nurse practitioner.

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The difference is we diagnose, we prescribe, we order investigations.

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Amy McCready, Nurse Practitioner

So primarily we use our academic time to make sure we stay up to date with the current treatment options.

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Amy McCready, Nurse Practitioner

And then we also try our best to focus on quality improvement projects.

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Matthew Parezanovic, Nurse Practitioner

I found my role as a nurse practitioner, played heavily in my role as a nurse, which my background was in oncology.

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Matthew Parezanovic, Nurse Practitioner

So getting that good foundation as a nurse is going to lead to your success as a nurse practitioner.

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Caitlin Carreau, Nurse Practitioner

I have that great working relationship with the physicians, but I also have a lot of autonomy.

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Caitlin Carreau, Nurse Practitioner

So finding that right balance was really important for me.

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Matthew Parezanovic, Nurse Practitioner

The role has really been well supported, especially by the physicians, seeing how pivotal it is to providing that

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Matthew Parezanovic, Nurse Practitioner

that support for patients moving forward.

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Caitlin Carreau, Nurse Practitioner

I'm really fortunate to work with some really amazing nurse practitioners.

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I think I wanted to be able to provide much more comprehensive care.

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I wanted to make a difference in their lives, be very impactful.

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And I knew that in order to do that, I needed to be a nurse practitioner.