



Why See a Nurse Practitioner?

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Nurse Practitioners work directly with patients and provide a full range of health care services

The Nurse Practitioner works collaboratively with other healthcare professionals including other nurses, GPs, medical and surgical specialists, physiotherapists, dieticians, occupational therapists, social workers, and many others.

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Bookings must be made on the day by phoning the clinic.



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'Health Care Today' Nurse Practitioner

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What is a Nurse Practitioner?

- Are highly qualified Registered Nurses with the expertise to diagnose and treat people of all ages with a variety of acute or chronic conditions
- Provide health care in all states and territories in Australia
- Provide services eligible for rebates through Medicare
- Provide prescriptions and access to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
- Are registered health care providers with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency
- Have been working across Australia since the year 2000

What Nurse Practitioners Do?

Nurse Practitioners work directly with you and provide comprehensive services including:

- Assessment and diagnosis of your health problems
- Referral for necessary x-ray and blood tests
- Prescriptions of medications
- Referrals to other health practitioners
- Education, counselling and support



Diagnostics

Nurse Practitioners are able to order test that attract a Medicare rebate and include:

- Basic blood tests
- Limb x-rays
- Chest x-rays
- Ultrasounds

Other diagnostic test can be ordered but do not attract a Medicare rebate.

Referrals

Specialists and consultant physicians may accept referrals from eligible nurse practitioners to provide services to patients.

A referral made by an eligible nurse practitioner is valid for 12 months.

Other referrals may be made but will not attract a Medicare rebate.

Further Information

More information on Nurse Practitioners can be found on the following websites:

Australian College of Nurse Practitioners
www.acnp.org.au

Australian Government Department of Health
www.health.gov.au

Medicare Online
www.mbsonline.gov.au



Nurse Practitioner Fees

Fees are based on the time the nurse practitioner spends managing your health care needs.

Consultation Time	Fee	OOP*
Up to 5 minutes	\$28.30	\$20.00
5-19 minutes	\$48.30	\$30.00
20-39 minutes	\$66.85	\$32.50
More than 40 minutes	\$85.60	\$35.00

* Out of Pocket

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