

Nurse Practitioners/Clinical Nurse Specialist

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Description

Assign a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist to work with ED physicians and to provide continuity of care for locum physicians.

Benefits

- Provides trained back-up to single coverage physicians
- Well trained in broad variety of skills, but can also be specialized (i.e. ACLS, ATLS, etc)
- Can provide valuable local source of knowledge for physicians on locum
- Continuity of care (are in the hospital daily)

Challenges

- Currently in high demand, so there is low availability within the province
- Scope of practice may require some medical directives

Recommendation

- Consider staffing ED with a nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist to work with ED physicians

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