

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND OTHER NURSES ?

The nurse practitioner provide both nursing care and medical care that meet the clientele's needs in terms of health issues .

Over and above the knowledge and skills acquired for their nursing profession activities, PHCNPs hold a master's degree in nursing sciences and a Specialized Graduate Diploma in medical sciences. This training authorizes them to carry out specific medical activities that were previously undertaken solely by physicians.

**Specialized nurse
practitioners have the
expertise and capacity to
identify medical problems
and carry out advanced
nursing practice roles.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS NEW PROFESSION

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**To have access to the services of
a PHCNP, you must fill out the
request on a service form (guichet
d'accès) at the Hôpital de
l'Archipel**

To register, fill out the identification form found on the www.cisss-desiles.gouv.qc.ca website. On the first page, you will find « Access to a family doctor ».

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Primary health care nurse practitioner (PHCNP)



A new professional health care partner

HAVRE YOU HEARD OF A PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER?


As of 2009, a new health professional career has been created in Québec, the primary health care nurse practitioner (PHCNP). This addition will provide enhanced health care and services to the population.

The role of the PHCNP is health promotion and disease prevention.

The PHCNP is completely autonomous within the role of health care while working closely with physicians. Indeed, the role of the PHCNP is not to replace the physician but to work jointly with him/her and be complimentary to other health professional workers .

Specialized nurse practitioners can refer individuals to a physician or other health professionals or seek advice from other health professionals at any time as they interact extensively with those specialists .

WHICH MEDICAL ACTIVITIES CAN HE/SHE CARRY OUT?

- ♥ Prescribe diagnostic examinations :
 - X-rays, ultrasounds, blood tests, etc.
- ♥ Use diagnostic techniques that are invasive :
 - Gynecological examinations, PAP tests, samples for sexually transmitted diseases, etc.
-  ♥ Prescribe some medications
- ♥ Use techniques or apply medical treatments that are invasive :
 - Stitches, drainage of abscesses, etc.
- ♥ Prescribe medical treatments
 - Urinary catheter, ear cleaning, oxygen, etc.

WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THE PHCNP?

He/She can

- ♥ Promote health and prevent diseases :
 - Annual check-ups, screening, etc.
- ♥ Carry out consultations pertaining to common health conditions
 - Ear infections, urinary infections, etc.
- ♥ Carry out follow-ups of chronic conditions
 - Diabetes, asthma, etc.
- ♥ Monitor pregnant women up to their 32nd week of pregnancy along with the physician.

WHICH CLIENTELE MAY BE SEEN BY HIM/HER?

The PHCNP have the skills and competencies to follow up a variety of clients from newborns, children, adolescents, adults, pregnant women and the elderly .