



Scope of Practice Kit: The Bottom Line

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There is no comparison between Doctors & Nurses

Provider	Post-graduate training	Residency Training	Total time before independence	Patient encounters before independence	Total training before independence
Family Physician (MD, DO)	4 years, doctoral program	<u>REQUIRED</u> 3 years minimum	11 years	1,650 patients <u>minimum</u>	20,700 – 21,700 hours
Advanced Practice Nurse (NP, CRNA, CNM)	1.5 to 3 years, master's program (MSN)	NOT REQUIRED	5.5 – 7 years	NOT REQUIRED	2,800 – 5,350 hours

“Current evidence is insufficient to support substitution of physicians by nurses in primary care in any comprehensive fashion, particularly in a modern American practice setting...substitution of physicians by independent nurses providing comprehensive primary care is not an approach supported by the literature.”

-“Substitution of Physicians by Nurses in Primary Care: An Update and Reanalysis of the Evidence.” University of Missouri report, July 21, 2011.

Who would you rather have care for you & your family?