APRNs  
Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

# of APRNs: 353,000

NPs (Nurse Practitioners)
- Take health histories and provide complete physical exams
- Diagnose and treat acute and chronic illnesses; provide immunizations
- Prescribe and manage medications; order and interpret lab tests and X-rays
- Provide health teaching and supportive counseling

CNSs (Clinical Nurse Specialists)
- Provide advanced nursing care in hospitals and other clinical sites
- Provide acute and chronic care management
- Develop quality improvement programs
- Serve as mentors, educators, researchers and consultants

CRNAs (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists)
- Administer anesthesia and related care before and after surgical, therapeutic, diagnostic, and obstetrical procedures, as well as pain management
- Settings include operating rooms, outpatient surgical centers and dental offices

CNMs (Certified Nurse Midwife)
- Provide primary care to women, including gynecological exams, family planning advice, contraceptives, prenatal care, management of low-risk labor and delivery and neonatal care
- Settings include hospitals, birthing centers, community clinics and patient homes

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