

Nurse Practitioners

Quick Reference Guide

This short guide will help you understand how to integrate a Nurse Practitioner (NP) into your primary care practice and when it is appropriate to bill for their work.

| Challenge | DoctorCare Best Practices and Recommendations |
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| Can NPs work & bill independently without supervision? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NPs can work on their own within their scope of practice ● NP can only bill OHIP under the Physician's billing number for delegated procedures ● Simple office procedures (see list on Page 2) can be provided and billed for without Physician supervision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For all other eligible delegated procedures, a Physician needs to be physically present in the clinic for the service to be payable by OHIP |
| Can an NP cover FHO After Hour clinics? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NPs may cover one After Hours shift per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The NPs must be affiliated to a FHO via an application to the MOH ● There is no limit to how many NPs are affiliated to a FHO nor how many FHOs the NP can be attached to ● Eligible services provided by an affiliated NP (and submitted with their six digit OHIP number) will contribute to a Physician's Home Visits, Prenatal Care, and Office Procedures Special Premium bonuses |
| What are the requirements for a procedure delegated by a physician to be paid by OHIP? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The procedure is performed by an NP who is a physician's employee in their office ● The NP providing the delegated procedure is properly trained ● The procedure is generally and historically accepted to be carried out by a non-physician ● The physician is at all times physically present in the office (except for services listed on Page 2) |

Challenge

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When can the Physician *not* bill OHIP for delegated procedures?

- Most services listed in the Schedule must *personally* be performed by a physician to be payable by OHIP
 - e.g. consultations, assessments, psychotherapy, counselling, interviews, surgical procedures and interpretation of diagnostic imaging
- OHIP cannot be billed when delegated procedures are performed by an NP who is employed by a facility or organization e.g. a Family Health Team (FHT)
- When they are not present for a delegated procedure performed by the NP that requires their physical presence

How do I decide whether to hire an NP or Physician's Assistant (PA)?

- NPs are independent practitioners (regulated medical professional). PAs need either direct or indirect physician supervision (unregulated medical professional)
- NPs have a billing number for referrals, prescriptions etc. PAs do not have their own billing number and act as a delegate to their supervising physician
- PAs & NPs have a large scope of work and can do assessments, physical examinations etc.
- Delegated Procedures by both NPs & PAs can be billed to OHIP

Delegated Procedures not requiring a Physician's presence

- These simple office procedures can be billed to OHIP when performed by the NP/PA:
 - Venipuncture: G480, G482, G489
 - Injections and immunizations: G372, G373, G538, G590, G840, G841, G842, G843, G844, G845, G846, G847, G848
 - Ultraviolet light therapy: G470
 - Administration of oral polio vaccine: G462
 - Simple office laboratory procedures: G001, G002, G004, G005, G009, G010, G011, G012, G014, G481
 - Ear syringing, curetting or debridement: G420
 - B.C.G. inoculation: G369
 - Simple Spirometry and Flow Volume Loop: J301, J324, J304, J327
 - Casts: Z198-Z209, Z211, Z213, Z216, Z873

QUESTIONS?

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