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EDRS Coming to Skagit and San Juan Counties!

The Washington State Department of Health is releasing a new Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) to Skagit and San Juan counties in early 2012. The EDRS is already being used in Benton, Franklin, Mason, Pierce, Thurston and Spokane counties, with close to 70% of all death records being filed fully electronically. EDRS will streamline the death registration process, improve the quality of the death data collected, and improve communication among those who file.

Everyone benefits with EDRS:

Providers will quickly complete a death record from any computer with web access and file it with a single click. This paperless system does not require extensive computer knowledge. It will streamline communication between funeral directors and providers and eliminate the need to fax or sign paper records. It will offer a fast, easy, more accurate way to file.

Families will get death certificates faster and will be able to do so from any local health jurisdiction across the state. EDRS will deliver better service to families because delays with paper processing will be reduced.

Funeral homes will save time and money by collecting providers' signatures electronically. They will view cases online and get death certificates faster.

The people of Washington will benefit by having immediate and accurate death data used to combat public health threats.

To enroll or request information, contact Field Services at 855-562-1928 or EDRS@doh.wa.gov

Tobacco Treatment and Cessation Resources

Free webinar on tobacco treatment and cessation resources for Medicaid health professionals

The Washington Department of Health Tobacco Prevention and Control Program (WA DOH TPCP) is hosting a free webinar training, *How to Address Tobacco Use with Medicaid Clients*, in January and February, 2012 to reach health professionals who serve Medicaid clients. The purpose of this webinar is to provide an overview of tools and resources to support you in helping your clients quit tobacco.

WA DOH TPCP will offer webinars at the following times. To register for a webinar session, select a link below:

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 PM PST

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/989815354>

Thursday, February 9, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 PM PST

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/535661690>

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 PM PST

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/849414698>

System Requirements:

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer

Contact Information: Joella Pyatt, RDH, BS Phone:

360.236.3518 Joella.pyatt@doh.wa.gov

ANP/GNP Wanted for Planning Committee

The planning committee for the annual Pacific Northwest Conference: Advanced Practice in Primary and Acute Care is inviting interested ANPs and GNPs to join the geriatric track of planning committee. This member would join existing members Martha Worcester, ARNP and Linda Peterson, ARNP working on this track.

If interested please contact co-chair Maddy Wiley, ARNP at mwiley@familycareofkent.com. Candidates must be licensed as an ARNP in Washington state.

Guiding the Future... Love to teach...

Precept an FNP, ANP or PNP student!

Precepting involves 1 to 2 days a week for the 10-week quarter, Winter and/or Spring.

Preceptors needed for beginning to advanced students.

Contact Fiona Shannon, fiona@uw.edu for more information on precepting University of Washington students.

Preceptors Needed for Seattle University

Seattle University needs preceptors for our ARNP students. Winter Qtr 1/4-3/17; Spring Qtr 3/26-6/9

Students complete 150 hours over 10 weeks. We need ARNPs, MDs, PAs in: Family, Geriatrics, Psychiatrics, Pediatrics, Midwifery, Women's health, Urgent Care, Specialty (eg; cardio, neuro, etc)

We are offering some perks for your talented, tireless efforts. Please contact Linda Frothinger at: 206-293-4416 or frothil@seattleu.edu.

AHRQ Stats on the Primary-Care Workforce

Despite serving as the “foundational element” of the U.S. healthcare system, the nation's primary-care network is experiencing “diminishing economic margins, and increasing workforce attrition compounded by diminishing recruitment of new physicians, nurses and physician assistants into primary care,” according to the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

AHRQ's Center for Primary Care, Prevention and Clinical Partnership will be issuing a “Facts and Stats Series” on primary-care topics designed to inform healthcare policy and decisionmakers on primary care's workforce, capacity and growth needs.

In 2008, Americans made nearly 956 million visits to office-based physicians, and 51.3% of those were to primary-care doctors—though slightly less than one third of the country's 624,000 doctors who spend the majority of their time in direct patient care are primary-care specialists, according to the first fact sheet in the series.

The second fact sheet cites CMS figures that put the 2010 nurse practitioner and physician assistant workforces at 106,073 and 70,383. According to estimates by the Robert Graham Center, a non-partisan primary-care policy and analysis organization commissioned by AHRQ, the percentages of the nurse practitioner and physician assistant workforces practicing in primary care are 52% and 43.4%.

Classified Ads

Full-time NP Wanted – Mt. Vernon WA

Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood seeks a full time Nurse Practitioner to provide reproductive health care and family planning services at our beautiful Mt. Vernon location. Join our dedicated staff in continuing to provide high quality reproductive health care services to our community. For an application and job description detailing qualifications, and essential job functions, please contact us at jobs@mbpp.org. Position open until filled. EOE

CE Opportunities

UW Health Care and Social Work Certificates

Advance your skills, expand your network or earn contact hours and CEUs. UW Professional & Continuing Education offers the following certificate programs: Gerontology (online), Geriatric Mental Health (classroom), Medical Management (classroom), Psychological Trauma: Effective Treatment and Practice (online & classroom), Integrated Behavioral Health (online), and Infant Mental Health (classroom). Visit our website for full descriptions and start dates: www.keplearning.uw.edu.

Meetings

Puget Sound Nurse Practitioners Association

Join us! Puget Sound Nurse Practitioners Association is a non-profit organization supporting ARNPs in Puget Sound since 1998. We meet every other month and offer a social hour/networking and a speaker presentation.

Annual dues are \$40/\$20 for students. \$20 per meeting for guests. Apply for membership and find meeting information at <http://PSNPA.org>

Private Practice NP Discussion Group

All are welcome. Meetings will be Sep/Nov/Jan/Mar/May always on the second Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00 at FamilyCare of Kent in Kent, WA. RSVP at least 48hr in advance to mwiley@familycareofkent.com so we can order food and drinks. Address and directions on www.familycareofkent.com. Sponsored by NP Central.

West Sound Advanced Practice Association

Meets the second Thursday of the month. Meetings include networking/dinner/educational session. E-mail Fionafnp@centurytel.net for more information.

Healthy Humor

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Ad Information

Copy deadline is the second Tuesday of the month prior to publication. Ads may be accepted later than this on a space-available basis. Position Available and Continuing Education Ads of less than 66 words are \$45, of 66 to 130 words are \$75, 131-180 words are \$105, and greater than 181 words are \$175. Position Available Ads are priced per insertion. Continuing Education Announcements are per offering for up to three (3) consecutive insertions. New Product Announcements per product for one insertion of 130 words or less are \$75, more than 130 words are \$175. Ad Inserts are \$750 for one issue. All ads are subject to space limitations and editing. Call for detailed rate information. Mail copy to ARNP Care, 10024 SE 240th St, #230, Kent, WA 98031. Phone 253.852.9042. Fax 253.852.7725. Email care@nurse.net.

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NURSE LEGISLATIVE DAY

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Gubernatorial candidates **Jay Inslee** and **Rob McKenna**

Morning education sessions
at Great Wolf Lodge

Lunch and afternoon activities
at the Capitol in Olympia

*Free shuttle between Olympia and
Great Wolf Lodge provided before
and after education sessions.*

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2012 NURSE LEGISLATIVE DAY

REGISTRATION FORM

Learn about the critical issues facing nurses, nursing and health in Washington this year, but most importantly, you'll discover how you can make a difference in Olympia.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2012

Overview of WSNA priorities for 2012

Issues WSNA will work on in the next legislative session and how you can get involved

Implications of the State Budget Crisis

Hear the latest budget proposals and what it means to critical health programs in Washington State

Breakout Sessions

Learn how to be an effective advocate on the issues you care about

Meet with your legislators and attend hearings

Great Wolf Lodge
20500 Old Highway 99 SW
Centralia, WA 98531

Visit www.leg.wa.gov to find out your legislative district and representatives or call the Legislative hotline at **1-800-562-6000**. (You are encouraged to call your legislators in advance to make an appointment to guarantee availability.)

Special Room Rate of \$129 (accommodates up to 4 people) for Sunday night at Great Wolf Lodge.
Call **800.640.9653 (WOLF)** for reservations. Use group code **1202WSNA**. Rate good on reservations made by 1/25/12.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

*Separate form required for each registrant.
Photocopy this form as needed.*

Name _____ Credentials _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Legislative District _____ Membership # / Last 4 SSN _____
School _____ Email _____

COST & PAYMENT METHOD

- \$20** Pre-registered* Students
- \$50** Pre-registered* WSNA, ARNPs United, AAPPN, WANA, AORN, or SNOW Members
- \$55** Pre-registered* Non-members
- \$30** Students Who Register On-Site
- \$70** All Others Who Register On-Site

Continuing nursing education contact hours will be awarded for this event

The Washington State Nurses Association Continuing Education Provider Program (OH-231, 9-1-2012) is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91), an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

* Register by 1/20/12 for Pre-registered rate.

\$ _____ Registration Fee (includes continental breakfast and box lunch)

\$ _____ PAC Contribution (suggested donation \$25)

\$ _____ **Total Amount Enclosed**

Check Enclosed
 VISA / MasterCard _____ Exp Date _____
Cardholder Name _____ Cardholder Signature _____

Return registration form to the address below or e-mail to wsna@wsna.org or fax to 206-575-1908.

Primary Care Workforce Facts and Stats No. 2

The Number of Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants Practicing Primary Care in the United States

SUMMARY: In 2010, approximately 56,000 nurse practitioners and 30,000 physician assistants were practicing primary care in the United States, according to research commissioned by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

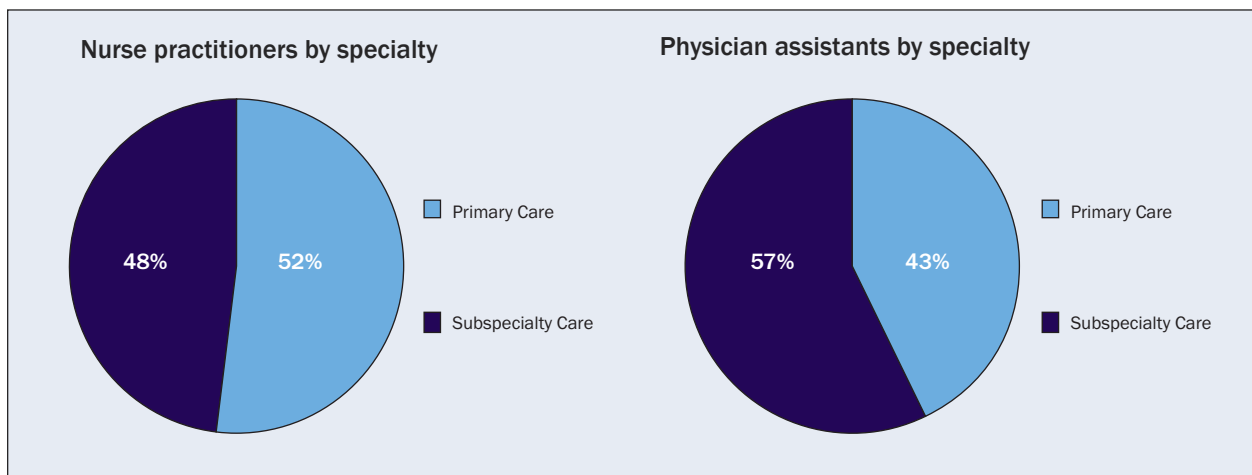
Nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) are health professions begun in the United States in the 1960s in response to shortages and uneven distribution of physicians. They play important roles in many health care fields and especially in primary care.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services maintains the National Provider Identifier (NPI) dataset, which listed approximately 106,000 practicing nurse practitioners and 70,000 practicing physician assistants in 2010. This estimate represents approximately 10,000 fewer practicing physician assistants than projected by the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) and approximately 10,000 more nurse practitioners than report having NP in their title in a 2008 national survey.¹

To estimate the number of nurse practitioners and physician assistants who are practicing primary care, the Robert Graham Center used the NPI dataset to examine the practice partners of each nurse practitioner and physician assistant. Using a novel imputation method that assigned field of practice (primary care or a subspecialty care) to each NP and PA based on the specialty of the professionals they work with, the Center estimated that less than half of physician assistants (approximately 30,000) and slightly more than half of nurse practitioners (approximately 56,000) are practicing primary care in 2010.

Estimated number of nurse practitioners and physician assistants practicing primary care in the United States, 2010

Provider type	Total	Percent primary care	Practicing primary care
Nurse practitioners	106,073	52.0%	55,625
Physician assistants	70,383	43.4%	30,402



This is one in a series being produced by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) Center for Primary Care, Prevention, and Clinical Partnerships to further inform policy discussions around the U.S. primary care workforce. Information is based on a comprehensive primary care workforce analysis conducted by the Robert Graham Center for AHRQ. Please visit <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/pcworkforce.htm> for more in the Primary Care Workforce Facts and Stats series.

Reference

1. The Registered Nurse Population: Findings from the 2008 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses. Table 45, Appendix A. <http://thefutureofnursing.org/sites/default/files/RN%20Nurse%20Population.pdf>



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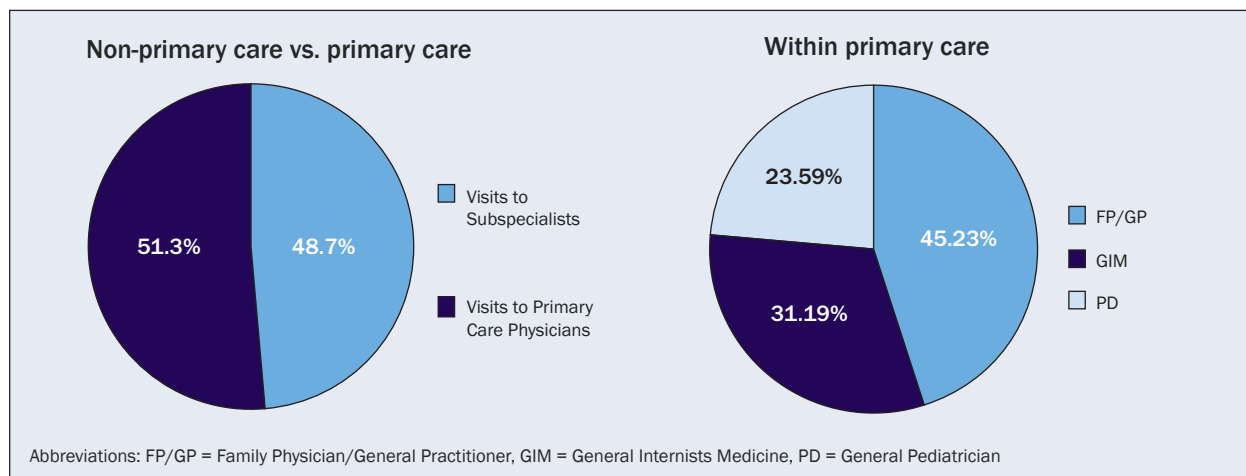
Primary Care Workforce Facts and Stats No. 1

The Number of Practicing Primary Care Physicians in the United States

SUMMARY: In 2010, there were approximately 209,000 practicing primary care physicians in the U.S., according to research commissioned by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Of the 624,434 physicians in the United States who spend the majority of their time in direct patient care, slightly less than one-third are specialists in primary care. Primary care physicians consist of family physicians and general practitioners, general internists, general pediatricians, and geriatricians. Of the nearly 956 million visits that Americans made to office-based physicians in 2008, 51.3% were to primary care physicians.¹

Visits to office-based physicians, non-primary care vs. primary care and within primary care, 2008



According to the 2010 American Medical Association Physician Masterfile, there are slightly more than 246,000 primary care physicians in the United States. This number, however, overestimates the number of practicing physicians and needs to be adjusted because the AMA Physician Masterfile includes some retired physicians and others who have left the workforce and a substantial number of primary care trained physicians now practice in non-primary care settings, including as hospitalists and in emergency departments. After adjusting for these two factors, the number of practicing primary care physicians in the U.S. is estimated to be approximately 209,000.

U.S. practicing primary care physicians, 2010

	Primary care physicians in direct patient care*	Adjusting for retirement	Percent estimated to be practicing	Practicing primary care physicians
FP	87,650	84,033	95%	79,831
GER	3,260	3,157	95%	2,999
GP	11,883	9,557	100%	9,557
GIM	93,655	89,359	80%	71,487
PD	49,642	47,297	95%	44,933
Total	246,090	233,403		208,807

*From the AMA Physician Masterfile 2010

Abbreviations: FP = Family Practice, GER = Geriatrics, GP = General Practice, GIM = General Internal Medicine, PD = General Pediatrics



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