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Today, more than 88,000 nurse practitioners deliver primary care to patients of all ages.

Primary practice specialties:

- 37% family practice
- 15% women's health
- 5% geriatrics
- 13% other (e.g., mental health, oncology, etc.)
- 21% adult
- 7% pediatrics

Primary practice location:

- 29% physician's office
- 21% HMO/ambulatory clinic
- 13% hospital out-patient clinic
- 8% school/university health
- 8% hospital in-patient
- 7% public health/visiting nurse
- 6% independent nurse practitioner's office
- 9% other (e.g. hospice, occupational health, VA, military, etc.)

How nurse practitioners are reimbursed for services:

- 17% directly by patient
- 36% health insurance-direct billing
- 38% Medicare/state subsidy
- 5% bad debt

Approximately 90% of all nurse practitioners write prescriptions. During a typical clinical day, a nurse practitioner writes/recommends 15 prescriptions.