

### Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Program

# HURON PERTH ONTARIO TELEMEDICINE NETWORK (OTN) PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONERS

### Who We Serve

We provide primary care for individuals who are currently enrolled in one of the Huron Perth Addictions and Mental Health Partner Agency programs. These individuals must be without a primary care provider. Eligible patients are those 16 years of age or older, (those under the age of 16 may be considered in special circumstances at the Nurse Practitioner's (NP's) discretion). Services can be provided in person or via OTN.

### What Is A Nurse Practitioner?

- A Nurse Practitioner is a registered nurse who has obtained advanced education, usually at a masters level
- NPs work with other health care professionals including pharmacists, doctors, social workers, nurses, and mental health workers
- NPs provide primary health care to patients of all ages, with a focus on disease prevention, health promotion, and curing illness
- As a member of your health care team, we offer a variety of health care services including the ability to:
  - Diagnose and treat illness and/or injuries
  - Perform physical examinations
  - Order and interpret diagnostic tests
  - Write prescriptions
  - Provide counselling and education
  - Provide supportive care during illness
  - Provide treatments and/or procedures
  - Make referrals to family physicians, specialists, and other health professionals



# **Program Goals**

- To provide exceptional care by demonstrating trust, respect, fairness and compassion
- Commitment to provide timely, quality, primary health care
- Providing personalized care while working within a multidisciplinary team
- To serve individuals who are having difficulty accessing primary care
- Utilizing OTN equipment to support patients living in a large geographic area to access primary healthcare

### Referrals

Patients enrolled with Huron Perth Addictions and Mental Health Alliance Partner Agencies may be referred to the program.

In order to avoid duplication of services we ask that referrals are not being made for second opinions, or to replace current primary care providers.

If the patient currently has a primary care provider the referral source will be responsible for notifying the provider and receiving permission for collaboration of care.

## **Hours Of Operation**

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

After hours mental health assistance provided by Huron Perth Helpline and Crisis Response Team at 1-888-829-7484.

All medical emergencies should present to the nearest Emergency Department or call 911.

For Program Information Or To Request A Referral Form Please Contact: 519-527-8421 Ext 4818





