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This NP Week, Recognize the Providers at the Heart of Health Care

2024 National Nurse Practitioner Week is Celebrated November 10-16

CITY, PROVINCE (Date) —In Canada, the role of the Nurse Practitioner first emerged in the 1960's with the first education program started at Dalhousie University (Halifax, Nova Scotia) in 1967 with a focus on preparing NPs for northern nursing stations. During the 1970s, several reports supported an expanded role for NP education within primary health care, a development that now, nearly sixty years later, has become a cornerstone of healthcare delivery in Canada, with more than 10,000 licensed NPs practicing nationwide. The demand for NPs continues to rise, and Canada's commitment to expanding the NP role is helping to address significant healthcare access challenges.

The rise of NPs across a wide range of specialties couldn't be timelier, as millions of Canadians currently face barriers to timely, quality primary care. From urban centers to rural and remote communities, the NP role has proven vital in meeting these needs, and recent policies providing NPs with expanded practice authority is helping to ensure Canadians receive essential health services.

To recognize these essential health care providers and their impact on communities across Canada, [your city/province] is proud to honor the contributions of NPs as part of Canada's annual National Nurse Practitioner Week, celebrated this year from November 12-18.

NP Week acknowledges the critical role NPs play in Canada's healthcare system, delivering patient-centered care across settings that include primary care clinics, hospitals, emergency departments, urgent care centers, long-term care facilities, and private practices. Through their dedication, NPs provide more than 20 million visits annually, addressing the needs of Canadians wherever they seek care.

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