



# NURSING ON THE ROCK NEWS

## Your Partner in Health - The Nurse Practitioner

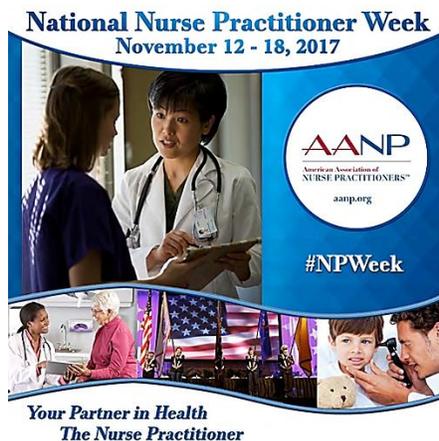
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners news release

**Round Rock, Texas** - The role of the nurse practitioner (NP) will be showcased November 12 - 18, 2017, as NPs across the country celebrate more than 50 years of practice during National NP Week. In the United States, this distinguished group of health care professionals number approximately 234,000 strong with an additional 23,000 NP students graduating each year.

Events held in communities around the country will acquaint local citizens with the role of NPs as providers of high-quality, cost-effective, personalized health care and will highlight the value of choosing an NP as your partner in health. NP practice offers a unique combination of nursing and health care service to patients.

Focusing not only on diagnosing and managing acute and chronic illnesses, NPs integrate health promotion, disease prevention, counseling and patient education to help patients understand their complete health picture.

In a population that is aging, with baby boomers becoming seniors in growing numbers over the next ten years, having choices about health care providers will become even more important. National NP Week brings visibility to the role of the NP, helping consumers make wise choices when selecting their health care provider.



The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) is the largest professional membership organization for nurse practitioners (NPs) of all specialties. It represents the interests of more than 234,000 NPs, including approximately 79,000 individual members and 200 organizations. AANP provides legislative leadership at the local, state and national levels, advancing health policy; promoting excellence in practice, education and research; and establishing standards that best serve NP patients and other health care consumers. As The Voice of the Nurse Practitioner®, AANP represents the interests of NPs as providers of high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive, patient-centered health care. For more information, visit [aanp.org](http://aanp.org). To locate an NP in your community, go to [npfinder.com](http://npfinder.com).

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