



6 BENEFITS OF INTEGRATING NPs AND PAs IN HM PROGRAMS

Nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) have long been a foundational part of most clinical teams. This essential group of practitioners play a vital role in the continuum of care and should be included in your healthcare facility's staffing matrix.

THE BENEFITS OF NP/PA ROLES SPECIFICALLY WITHIN HOSPITAL MEDICINE (HM) ARE CLEAR:

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LOWER COSTS

HM programs staffed by NPs/PAs working alongside physicians can save a facility as much as 40% in provider costs.

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EASE OF RECRUITING

The shortage of qualified hospitalists makes the use of NPs/PAs a medical necessity, especially for rural hospitals.

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SHARED WORKLOAD

By taking on lower acuity patients, NPs/PAs share the workload enabling doctors to focus on higher acuity, more medically-complex patients.

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IMPROVED PATIENT SATISFACTION

Having more providers available on the floor means more time dedicated to patients, which can significantly improve a patient's perception of care.

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INCREASED THROUGHPUT

The presence of NPs/PAs helps increase throughput due to the presence of more providers than a program staffed by physicians alone.

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BETTER EQUIPPED TO ADDRESS SOCIAL ISSUES

Lower acuity patients may also have social needs such as transition back to home or family dynamics that need to be addressed. NPs/PAs can provide concentrated time assisting the patient and family.

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