

# Nurse Practitioners

*At Heart Center of the Rockies, our Nurse Practitioners are an essential component of patient care. As specialists in cardiovascular care, they work closely with Heart Center physicians to facilitate patient care and expedite the services each patient receives.*

## *Expertise in Matters of the Heart*

### **Who is Your Nurse Practitioner?**

All Heart Center of the Rockies nurse practitioners (NP) are registered nurses with advanced academic degrees and extensive clinical experience. Your nurse practitioner works closely with our physicians to provide high quality, cost-effective, individualized patient care.

### **Education and Training**

Heart Center of the Rockies nurse practitioners are educated at the master's level. In addition to the classroom requirements of a master's degree in nursing, your nurse practitioner completes an internship in a selected field of study involving hands-on clinical training to strengthen his or her overall expertise. Upon completion of his or her schooling, all NP's are board certified in their area of knowledge. All Heart Center of the Rockies nurse practitioners are specially trained in the field of congestive heart failure.

### **Scope of Care**

Our nurse practitioners focus largely on health maintenance, disease prevention, counseling and patient education in a wide variety of settings. In addition to cardiology, nurse practitioners are also employed within several other specialties, including neonatology, nurse-midwifery, pediatrics, school



health, family and adult health, women's health, mental health, home care, geriatrics and acute care.

### **Responsibilities of Heart Center of the Rockies Nurse Practitioners**

The primary role of our NP's is to work in conjunction with Heart Center physicians to both facilitate and expedite patient care. Nurse practitioners never replace the physician, but rather work in collaboration with the doctor to ensure the best possible care for our patients. Nurse practitioner responsibilities include:

- Managing heart failure clinics
- Managing care of patients with pacemakers, defibrillators, and biventricular pacers and defibrillators

- Educating patients about the long-term health and care of their heart
- Providing care for patients in the woman's program (A Woman's Heart)
- Providing and supervising cardiac testing
- Facilitating physicians in the hospital setting
- Facilitating care for walk-in patients requiring immediate attention

### **Will I See A Nurse Practitioner When I'm In the Hospital?**

Heart Center of the Rockies patients who are hospitalized are generally seen by a nurse practitioner before meeting the physician. The NP collects your medical history and completes the physical examination. After the NP has presented your case to the cardiologist, your physician and your nurse practitioner will visit you together to discuss your treatment plan and address any questions or concerns.

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*Heart Center of the Rockies, the region's premier heart center, is dedicated to providing a comprehensive program of advanced cardiovascular care throughout Northern Colorado, Wyoming and western Nebraska.*

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**Our Nurse Practitioners**

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**Our Services**

Community Outreach  
Heart Attack Treatment  
A Woman's Heart Program  
Clinical Research Department  
Pacemaker Defibrillator Clinic  
Cardiac Surgery  
Preventive Clinic  
Heart Failure Clinic  
Vascular Clinic  
Nutrition Counseling  
Anticoagulation Clinic  
Testing  
Interventional Procedures  
Surgery  
Cardiac Rehabilitation

**Community Outreach**

Heart Center of the Rockies is dedicated to providing high quality, advanced cardiovascular care to patients in or near their home community. Like our physicians, our nurse practitioners travel among our numerous clinics to provide patient care in collaboration with Heart Center of the Rockies cardiologists. With clinics located throughout Northern Colorado, southeastern Wyoming, and southwestern Nebraska, chances are we have expert physicians and medical staff near you.

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