

Measuring Factors that Influence Nurse Practitioner (NP) Activities and the Implications for Optimizing NP Patient Panel Size in Primary Healthcare (PHC) Settings

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The Issue

Improved PHC access is a priority for strengthening the Ontario health care system.

Optimizing the number of patients a NP is responsible for is fundamental to achieving this goal.

This study will identify factors that influence NP patient panel size.

What we have found?

We've updated and reviewed the literature with stakeholders.

We found that NP patient panel size is influenced by factors including: patient and provider characteristics as well as factors related to the organization and broader system.

What are we doing next?

Using a mixed methods approach, we are collecting data in eight PHC settings.

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