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## Meet our Nurse Practitioner

At NCUA your child may see our Nurse Practitioner (NP) Barbara Reynolds C-FNP. Barbara received her NP degree from Duke and practiced in the Urology Division at UNC-Chapel Hill prior to joining NCUA. Before obtaining her NP degree Barbara practiced med-surg nursing for 16 years and was a nursing instructor at Watts School of Nursing in Durham.

Here at NCUA Barbara often collaborates with other nurses and NPs through the Pediatric Urology Nurses Society (PUNS), an affiliate organization of the American Academy of Pediatrics to enhance pediatric urology care. She recently completed Post-Graduate work sponsored by the International Children's Continence Society. Barbara works in collaboration with Dr. Bukowski, providing care for children with urinary or genital problems.

Below you will find some general information on NPs. If you have any other questions or concerns about NPs, please feel free to ask Barbara, Dr. Bukowski or anyone of our staff members.

### **What is a nurse practitioner?**

A Nurse Practitioner (NP) is a registered nurse (RN) with advanced training and clinical experience in diagnosing and treating illness. Today NPs complete advanced programs leading to a Masters Degree. NPs work in a variety of settings including ambulatory, acute and long-term care. NPs specialize too. You'll see them in neonatology, pediatrics, family practice, women's health and midwifery, adult health, geriatrics, acute care, and mental health. As you can see NPs provide healthcare to people of all ages.

### **What does a NP do?**

NPs provide a wide range of services focusing on preventative care, health maintenance and acute care. NPs can:

Obtain a medical history

Perform physical exams

Order and interpret diagnostic tests including lab work, E KG's X-rays

Prescribe medications

Prescribe therapies including counseling, physical, and rehab therapy

Perform procedures

Refer patients to other health care providers

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