

TEXAS NEUROLOGY-RICHARDSON

Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant Information Guide

Texas Neurology strives to provide patient friendly services and the highest quality of healthcare. In order to assist you with your healthcare needs, our center has a dedicated staff which includes Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants to allow you to receive the best possible healthcare in an efficient and timely manner.

The following information will assist you in understanding the role of the Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant at Texas Neurology.

A **Nurse Practitioner (NP)** is a registered nurse who has an advanced education and clinical training in a healthcare specialty. A Nurse Practitioner has advanced education and clinical training in the treatment of headaches, as well as medical diagnosis and treatment of adults and children.

A **Physician Assistant (PA)** is a healthcare professional licensed to practice medicine with supervision by a licensed physician. A physician assistant is concerned with preventing, maintaining, and treating human illness and injury by providing a broad range of healthcare services that are traditionally performed by a physician.

Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants exercise autonomy in medical decision making as determined by their supervising physician. Physician Assistants are educated in the medical model designed to complement physician training. Both will conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive healthcare, assist in medical decision making, and write prescriptions.

As the Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant for Texas Neurology, She/he will:

- **Work under the direction, and in collaboration, with your neurologist to ensure you receive the best possible healthcare.**
- Take time to listen to you and your family's worries and concerns.
- Explain the details of your health problems, medications, and other topics to help you understand how to take care of yourself.
- Provide individualized care.
- Perform physical examination, treatment, & procedures.
- Order and interpret laboratory and diagnostic studies.
- Prescribe medications and change medications as appropriate.

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