

Do I need to see a Doctor or an Advanced Nurse Practitioner?

Our Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) are highly skilled and experienced nurses who are educated to masters level who work autonomously and are capable of managing complex health needs

	ANP	GP
Prescribe medicines within their knowledge and competence	✓	✓
See acute health problems and medical emergencies	✓	✓
Manage long term health conditions <small>although these are often managed by our experienced practice nurses</small>	✓	✓
Request and interpret blood tests and other investigations	✓	✓
Refer patients to hospital clinics and community services	✓	✓
Provide palliative care to patients approaching the end of life	✓	✓
Provide pregnancy related care to women	✗	✓
Write fit notes ('sick notes') <small>ANPs need to have them signed by a GP – this is a legal requirement</small>	✓	✓
Complete death certificates	✗	✓

Minor surgery clinics are run by one of our GPs and one of our ANPs. Some of our GPs and ANPs also perform **joint injections**