

Nurse practitioner's role in MET/Outreach team

The concept of an advanced practice nurse (APN) has been around in Singapore over the past 10 years. Advanced practice nurses function throughout the healthcare continuum; from acute hospitals, specialist centres, community hospitals, polyclinics to the home. The intensive care APN in Ng Teng Fong General Hospital has a unique role of functioning not only within the ICU but also throughout the hospital, serving to bridge the gaps in and outside of the ICU. The added education and training gives the APN opportunity to expand the roles of a traditional nurse, independently assessing and participating in clinical-decision making, at the same time contributing back to nursing through education on the ground.