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A Nurse Practitioner (NP) is a registered nurse educated and authorised to function autonomously and collaboratively in an advanced and extended clinical role. The NP role includes the assessment and management of patients using nursing knowledge and skills and may include but is not limited to initiation of diagnostic investigations, prescribing of medications and direct referral of patients/residents to other health care professionals. The NP role is grounded in nursing profession’s values, knowledge, theories and practice and provides innovative and flexible health care delivery that complements other health care providers. NPs practice collaboratively as an independent member of the multidisciplinary health care team and provide autonomous, patient centred care.

The scope of practice (SOP) of the NP is determined by the context of practice, the education and level of competence of the individual and forms part of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Safety & Quality Framework (NMBA S&QF)1. Each NP at Western Health must develop an individual SOP that reflects their expertise and competence. While the SOP may be similar to NPs working in certain clinical specialties, the SOP reflects capabilities, expertise and competence of the individual. Establishing and ensuring competence to practice within a SOP is the responsibility of both the NP and Western Health. Western Health and NPs ensure the defined SOP is evidence based in accordance with the requirements of Western Health procedures and the NMBA S&QF. Clinical judgement regarding a particular clinical procedure or treatment plan is made by the NP in light of clinical data presented by the patient and the diagnostic and treatment options available. In making clinical decisions the NP remains conscious of their level of expertise and utilises available resources and expertise of the multidisciplinary health care team.

Registration requirements for the NP are outlined in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) Registration Standard: Endorsement as a Nurse Practitioner2, which includes;

* Current Registration as a Registered Nurse in Australia with no conditions or undertakings to unsatisfactory professional performance or unprofessional conduct.
* The equivalent of three years full-time experience (5000 hours) at the clinical advanced nursing practice level
* Successful completion of an NMBA approved program of study leading to endorsement as a NP OR a program that is substantially equivalent to an NMBA approved program of study leading to endorsement as a nurse practitioner as determined by the NMBA
* Compliance with the NMBAs Nurse Practitioner Standards for Practice3.

The NP is responsible and accountable for making professional judgements about the patient’s condition, when the patient’s condition is beyond their scope of practice and for consultation with a medical officer or other members of the health care team based on the NMBA guidelines1,3.

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| **Practice Context** |
| Brief description of service model.  Western Health (WH) manages three acute public hospitals: Footscray Hospital at Footscray; Sunshine Hospital at St Albans; and the Williamstown Hospital at Williamstown. It also operates the Sunbury Day Hospital, Bacchus Marsh Hospital, Melyton Health, Caroline Springs Community Centre and Hazeldene in Williamstown. A wide range of community-based services are also managed by Western Health, along with a large Drug and Alcohol Service.  [The Nurse Practitioner (NP)](#NP" \o "Insert service model details, e.g. stroke, emergency and brief description of the role)…. |
| **Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice** |
| The NP/C is responsible and accountable for making professional judgements about when the patient’s condition is beyond their scope of practice and for initiating consultation with a medical officer or other members of the health care team based on the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMC) frameworks and Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) guidelines.  *The headings below are to assist in identifying the extent of scope of autonomous practice but will be less relevant in some specialties – add, change or delete as relevant:* |
| 1. [Collaborative:](#Collaborative" \o "List areas of your practice that you would not be the primary care giver e.g. collaborative arrangements (as required to facilitate access to MBS & PBS i.e. patients GP)) | |
| 1. [Consultative:](#Consultative" \o "List areas of your practice that are likely to refer patients e.g. specialised services such as cardiology etc. ) | |
| 1. [Consultation/collaboration as required:](#ConsultationCollaboration" \o "List areas of your practice that you would be largely independent, with collaboration as needed and who would provide this) | |
| 1. [Autonomous practice:](#AutonomousPractice" \o "List areas of your practice that you would be independent) | |
| 1. [Limitations to scope / exclusions](#Limitations" \o "List specific limitations – such as age of patients): | |
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| [Referrals include but are not limited to:](#Referrals" \o "List referral pathways you use. Cover lack of provider number by a statement using Director of Program provider number.) | |
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| [Diagnostic Medical imaging](#MedicalImagining" \o "Specify if there are any restrictions to requests e.g. CT or alternatively any specific requirements for your role. Specify if there are specific agreements needed.) | |
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| [Pathology](#Pathology" \o "Specify if there are any restrictions to requests or alternatively any specific requirements for your role. List approved microbiology, biochemistry and haematology tests.) | |
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| [Prescribing Arrangements](#Prescribing" \o "Specify formulary / specific arrangement. State the Victorian Notation required for your role, and if any second notation is required/recommended.) | |
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| [Annual Clinical Audits Schedule](#Audits" \o "Specify involvement in audits.) | |
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| [Key Performance Indicators](#KPIs" \o "Specify or not applicable.) (if applicable) | |
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| [Professional Role Activities](#ProfessionalRoles" \o "Specify activities / involvement in professional groups, conferences, presentations, etc) | |
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| [Clinical Governance](#ClinicalGovernance" \o "List supervisor / mentor name/s and relationship, meeting regularity.) | |
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| Nursing and Midwifery Scope of Practice and Credentialing Committee |
| Organisational Approval |
| Manager or Program director relevant to your role  Name: Signature: Date: / /  Position: |
| Director of Nursing and Midwifery relevant to your role:  Name: Signature: Date: / /  Position: |
| [References](#References" \o "Update and add to as relevant)   1. Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Safety & Quality Framework, June 2016, <https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement/Endorsements-Notations/Safety-and-quality-guidelines-for-nurse-practitioners.aspx> 2. Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Registration Standard: Endorsement as a Nurse Practitioner, June 2016, <https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx> 3. Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Nurse Practitioner Standards for Practice, March 2018, <https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/documents/default.aspx?record=WD15%2f17299&dbid=AP&chksum=nIAcbT9WBTW8qNOGpK25iw%3d%3d> |