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“Physician assistants, nurse practitioners gain stature, value in urology practices,” August 1, 2009

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Healthcare providers who are not doctors of medicine or osteopathy (MDs or DOs), such as nurse practitioners, are not merely “physician extenders.” These providers are well prepared to provide a diverse array of safe, high-quality and cost-effective services to meet the growing healthcare needs of Americans. In fact, many of these professions evolved to fill gaps in healthcare services and to provide other benefits not offered by MDs or DOs, including a higher degree of personalized care, specialty services, greater accessibility and increased affordability.

The Coalition for Patients’ Rights™ believes that patients should be able to choose the type of provider that best suits their individual needs and have access to a team of healthcare professionals who work together to ensure overall health and wellness. This includes more than 3 million healthcare professionals, such as nurse practitioners, naturopathic physicians, critical-care nurses, physical therapists, chiropractors and occupational therapists.

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