

Registered Nurse (RN) Prescriber

A registered nurse (RN) prescriber works as part of a primary healthcare team. They can prescribe medications, devices (such as compression therapy) and order relevant tests within their specific area of practice, related to the presenting complaint. RN prescribers are required to complete additional education and meet additional registration requirements. They also work in collaboration with a physician/nurse practitioner for discharge care plans.

An RN prescriber can:

- Assess and prescribe for various medical conditions such as diabetes, COPD, high blood pressures, other health chronic health conditions, and self-limiting infections such as UTIs, sinus infections and ear infections.
- Order and interpret blood work and order basic diagnostics tests such as ultrasounds and x-rays.
- Prescribe medications for conditions listed in their scope of practice, however this does not include narcotics or targeted and controlled substances.
- Perform physical exams such as pap tests and provide immunizations.
- Provide health screening clinics like well-baby and well-women.
- Teach patients how to manage chronic health conditions.
- Work within a collaborative care team to help provide more timely and efficient access to health care.



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