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Nurse Practitioner Services in Retail Locations

The Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation (NPHF) today issued a White Paper outlining key policy issues related to nurse practitioner clinics which have opened in pharmacy, grocery, and department store chains. The NPHF recognizes the services as an appropriate, important, and logical role for NPs. NPHF asks all stakeholders—patients, providers, payers, regulators, policy makers, and others—to support this model of healthcare delivery and to ensure its evolution is based on sound data.

The white paper, authored by Nancy Rudner Lugo, DrPH, NP, Salvatore J. Giorgianni, Pharm D, and Phylis Arn Zimmer, MN, NP, FAAN, outlines four principal tenets:

- ❑ 1. NP services in retail settings are a practical and useful healthcare alternative, lowering the barriers to access by bringing affordable and accessible care to patients in a familiar, community-based environment. These services answer needs unmet by the current U.S. healthcare system.
- ❑ 2. NPs are educated, certified, and licensed to provide high quality healthcare within their scope of practice, with an emphasis on prevention and patient education. The high quality of care has been demonstrated over the 40-year history of the profession.
- ❑ 3. NP services in retail settings provide a much-needed community based gateway to other health-related services. While providing the episodic care services, NPs can also offer preventive care, education, health counseling, and referrals to patients who otherwise might not receive these services. Under ideal circumstances, everyone should have a healthcare home; NPs in retail centers can lead them there.
- ❑ 4. This evolving model of care merits careful, thoughtful, independent assessment of utilization, patient demographics, clinical outcomes, case finding, referral patterns, etc. to guide the national discourse on meeting people's healthcare needs in a convenient location with the appropriate level of care.

The development and evolution of this model must be driven by NP leadership. When society's needs change, guardians of health have an obligation to seek and support innovative ways to meet these needs. Innovation in the healthcare market warrants broad support.

View the complete White Paper on this issue at www.nphealthcarefoundation.org.

Continuing Education

Low Intensity Laser Therapy Certification Training, The BioFlex Professional System

Bellevue, WA (1) Day, 6/14/2006 - Theory & Application of Low Intensity Laser Therapy. The BioFlex Professional System, Low Intensity Laser Therapy (LILT).

The course focuses on the Theory & Application of Low Intensity Laser Therapy. Participants will be given an overview of the development of LILT, mechanisms of action, recent advances in the technology, protocol development and presentation of case studies with clinical documentation. Participants will receive practical, hands on training in the application of LILT. Certification Document is issued upon completion of the BioFlex Course with clinical class hours noted. Registration \$150. Payment received prior to 6/2/06 \$125. The cost of the course will be applied to the purchase price if purchased within 90 days. Call Patricia Heflin, Registered Agent, Meditech International, Inc. 360.710.3970

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Full-time opening for a nurse practitioner or physician assistant to work at multiple urgent care centers with a primary home base 70% of the time in Covington, WA. Primary responsibility is to provide quality healthcare to patients of all ages. Flexibility in work location required. Experience in urgent care and family practice is preferred. Candidates must be, or qualified for licensure & certification in Washington State a PA or NP. Competitive salary, flexible shift work and comprehensive benefit package. Please email your CV to MultiCare Health System Provider Services at providerservices@multicare.org or fax your CV to 866.264.2818. Please refer to opportunity #393. Website: www.multicare.org "MultiCare Health System is a drug free workplace"

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Established psychiatrist/ARNP practice position available June, 2006 in beautiful Bellingham. Easy access to mountains, water, Seattle, Vancouver. Excellent group/individual learning/consultation opportunities, teamwork emphasized in highly regarded, busy practice with excellent relationships with community MDs and therapists. Practitioners offer medications and psychotherapy, emphasizing care of whole patient. Flexible salary arrangements with excellent benefits. Reply to Dr. Henry Levine at 360.671.0383

Tacoma WA – Occupational Medicine

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ARNP- Family Practice Pacific Lutheran University Wellness Clinic

FPN position in an ARNP-based academic community clinic. Serves as primary care provider, clinical leader and preceptor for ARNP students in a clinic focused toward underserved and at-risk populations. Will consider full-time and part-time appointments. Competitive

benefit package. Contact Dana Zaichkin at 253.535.7516 or zaichkdl@plu.edu. For the complete position posting visit: <http://www.plu.edu/~humr/jobs/>

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Healthy Humor

Simple Test

Here's a fun exercise for you. Count the number of "F"s in the copy below:

Finished files are the result of years of scientific study combined with the experience of years.

How many did you find? Lots of people swear there are only 4, some find 5. In truth, there are 6. The reason I wanted to give this exercise is to show you how habituated and limited our thinking can be. It's hard for us to sometimes see things that are there. Remember this the next time you don't see a solution. There is **always** a solution. It's just sometimes hard to see. Keep looking. Expect it and it will come.

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