

Collaboration Promotes Success!

Academic-Community Partnership to Address Health Care Issues in the Rocky Mountain Region









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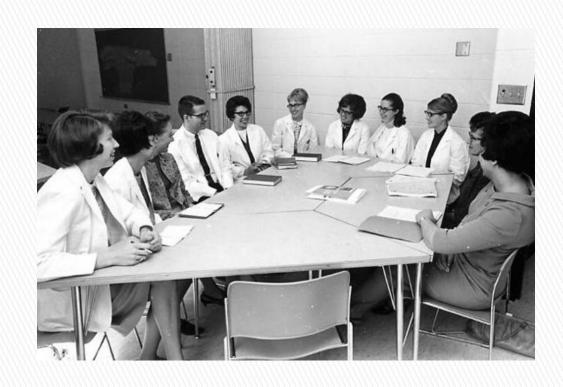
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An Interesting 50 Years...





The First NP's (1965)

Where we've come...

Rocky Mountain Challenges



Geography, Weather and Lack of Providers



The Road to Independent Practice

- 2010: Governor Bill Ritter "opts out" of Medicare rule requiring physician supervision of CRNAs in rural hospitals.
- 2010-2014: Litigation continues through Colorado courts.
- 2015: Colorado Supreme Court upholds "opt out"
 - Board of Nursing endorses decision.
 - APRNs become "independent providers"





Meanwhile...

- 2010: Statutory changes limiting NP Prescriptive Practice
 - Statute required 3600 supervised hours for prescriptive authority
 - MD/DO only could serve as mentors for the process
- 2014: NPATCH recommendations to change statute
 - Governor-appointed Task force of MDs, APRN, Community Reps
- 2015: Colorado Legislature passes new statute:
 - 2015 statute reduced to mentorship to1000 hours (**v** to 750 in 2023)
 - Mentor could be either MD/DO or NP with RXN





What Did NPATCH Accomplish?

Prescriptive Authority Pre-2015	Prescriptive Authority 2015-Present
Degree completion Certification APRN Registry RXN-P (3600 Total Hours) RXN (Full Authority)	Degree Completion Certification APRN Registry RXN-P (1000 Total Hours; now reduced to 750 Hours) RXN (Full Authority
Preceptors/Mentors were MD or DO only	Preceptors/Mentors now can be MD, DO, or NPs with Full RXN and same population focus





Partnership Success: Rural FNP







Building an Advanced Practice Workforce

- Strategic Priority to Address Challenges and Gaps: Access to Care, especially in underserved and rural areas
- "Grow-Your-Own Model" Addressing workforce shortages in rural Colorado Dr. Ingrid Johnson, DNP
- Mentoring/Coaching Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Workforce Dr. Amanda Quintana, DNP, FNP
- Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Dr. Cheryl King, DNP (GWEP) & Dr. Center, PhD (PTCE)
- Behavioral Health Integration (Current HRSA Grant with Regis) Dr Cullen, Dr Center, and Tiffany Chohfi





Thank you! Any Questions, Comments, Concerns?

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