

Who are they?

A Nurse is a professional with a broad range of responsibilities. A Nurse can assess people who are unwell, initiate emergency treatment, administer vaccinations, monitor the well-being of people in their care and provide health information and education.

Other roles include, but are not limited to:

- + Performing tests and examinations
- + Facilitating and coordinating treatment
- + Providing emotional support and counselling
- + Infection control



How can I access one?

- + Nurses usually work in a variety of healthcare settings including in general practices, hospitals and aged-care facilities.
- + In general practices, Nurses may provide a health assessment, perform tests and investigations, provide counselling and health information. This supports the work of your doctor and your team of health professionals.



Nurse

An integral member of your healthcare team who can assess and treat common conditions and coordinate your healthcare.



What should I do before I see a Nurse?

- + A helpful tip is to write down any questions you have regarding your condition or any tests that may be performed.
- + Be open and honest with them about your condition and other symptoms you may be feeling. Try to identify all the medications that you are taking or have taken.



How much does it cost?

In general practices, there are usually no costs to patients when seeing a Nurse. However, a Medicare item number may be used for some patients that can help towards covering the cost of nursing services in general practices.