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What if You Want a Physician?

Many health care systems are giving patients a nurse practitioner rather than a physician. Twenty-two states let nurse practitioners practice without physician oversight. Problems can come when a nurse practitioner doesn’t know what she or he doesn’t know and so the patient is harmed.

One such case regarding a severely dehydrated newborn is reported in a new article by Healthline that discusses the nurse’s and the doctor’s side of this contentious issue. A new group called Physicians for Patient Protection has already collected more than 500 stories of misdiagnoses or mismanagement of patients by nurse practitioners over the past two years. So, if you want a doctor, be sure you ask for one.


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