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**What if You Don’t Want a Nurse Practitioner?**

Sixteen states are letting nurse practitioners practice independently, without a physician. Doctors object, saying physicians are better able to manage complex patients due to more training and education. For example, physicians need 15,000 hours of clinical training before they get their medical license. Nurse practitioners only need 500 – 700 hours.

Should nurse practitioners have more rights to practice? In one newspaper’s request for comments, many nurses didn’t support the independence. One nurse said, “Nursing and medicine collaborate but are separate disciplines and need to respect each other’s skills and educational backgrounds.” But what if under Obamacare, all you get is a nurse practitioner?

“*Do differences in physician and NP training impact patient care?*” Ilene MacDonald, FierceHealthcare, April 10, 2014.

“*Should advanced practice nurses have more rights to practice?*” The Florida Times-Union, January 17, 2014.

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