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**Commemorating National Nurse Practitioner Week  
November 11-17, 2018**

CANTON, MI (October 31, 2018) - The role of the nurse practitioner (NP) will be showcased November 11 - 17, 2018, as NPs across the country celebrate more than 50 years of practice during National NP Week. In the United States, this distinguished group of health care professionals number approximately 248,000 strong with an additional 23,000 NP students graduating each year.

Events held in communities around the country will acquaint local citizens with the role of NPs as providers of high-quality, cost-effective, personalized health care and will highlight the value of choosing an NP for primary, acute and specialty care. NP practice offers a unique combination of nursing and health care service to patients. Focusing not only on diagnosing and managing acute and chronic illnesses, NPs integrate health promotion, disease prevention, counseling and patient education to help patients understand their complete health picture.

In a population that is aging, with baby boomers becoming seniors in growing numbers over the next ten years, having choices about health care providers will become even more important. National NP Week brings visibility to the role of the NP, helping consumers make wise choices when selecting their health care provider.

To strengthen public awareness of NPs and access to primary health care, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) has launched “We Choose NPs”, a national public awareness campaign integrating television, radio, digital and in-person events in communities nationwide. Visit [WeChooseNPs.org](http://WeChooseNPs.org) to learn more.

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Representing all nurse practitioner specialties throughout the state since 2000, the Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners (MICNP) seeks to provide nurse practitioners the leadership and resources to improve their practice environment through education of its members and the community, legislative support on issues affecting the profession, and promoting access to nurse practitioner services. An affiliate member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), MICNP’s ultimate goal is to promote a practice environment that supports the ability of nurse practitioners to provide care to the full extent their education and experiences allow. For more information, visit [www.micnp.org](http://www.micnp.org).

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