



Non-Physician Providers

Physician's Assistant:

Physician Assistants are licensed health professionals who practice medicine with physician supervision. Physician Assistants must be a graduate of an accredited Physician Assistant program, must pass a national certification exam and maintain certification every two years by attending 100 hours of continuing medical education. They also must sit for a recertification exam every six years. The Physician Assistant works directly under the supervision of the physician and is qualified to take medical histories, perform physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret laboratory tests and perform minor procedures.

Laura A. Powers, PA-C is a certified Physician's Assistant. She worked in family practice for 17 years prior to coming to Partners in 1999. She has a special interest in preventative health care.

Nurse Practitioner:

A Nurse Practitioner is a registered nurse who has advanced training in the obstetrics and gynecology specialty. She has acquired knowledge and skills in health promotion and maintenance, disease prevention, physical and psychological assessment and management of health and wellness for women. Nurse Practitioners are licensed as an Advanced Practice Nurse by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and are certified through the National Organization NCC.

Kathy Tschida, RN, CNP has been a Nurse Practitioner with Partners since its inception in 1991. She has been instrumental in developing our infertility program. She is a Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner who has completed advanced medical studies and preceptorship through a formal nurse practitioner program. She worked as a labor and delivery nurse before becoming a Nurse Practitioner.

Ann Griggs, RN, CNP is also a Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner. She has been a nurse for 21 years. She has a special interest and additional certification in infertility and reproductive endocrinology. Completing her Nurse Practitioner program in 2000 has solidified her interest in preventative health care for teens, childbearing and mature women. Ann joined Partners in 2001.