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Nurse Practitioner / Physician Assistant in a solo practice in rural emergency department – A Case Study

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Nurse practitioners and physician assistants have become a more common staffing model in urban and rural emergency departments. Typically, in the rural settings, the NPPA are usually running the emergency department solo, making clinical decisions, with or without collaboration of a back up physician. This can lead to many specific challenges for the NPPA, specifically in education and training.

Biography

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