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The professional growth and future of nursing is directly associated with Advanced Nursing Practices (ANP), this is due to the variety of roles that it comprehends in which a nurse is perceived to practice at a complex level. Expanding the skills and knowledge of nurses allows handling proficiently with the surge of chronic illnesses, reduce costs, help with staff shortages and decrease waiting times. Although if inadequately engaged, can cost money instead of saving and build up patient expectations. Hence, the constant progress as well as evaluation of ANP is of extraordinary significance to nursing and to the public. As an advanced nurse practitioner in colorectal surgery, I integrated into an already established surgical team to carry out their extended roles which include: routine ward management of the surgical patient, including practical procedures and the admission and clerking of surgical patients, with potential theatre time and activity depending on the service needs, as well as monitoring and troubleshooting when complications arise. I act as a highly specialized role model and leader for all members of staff and play a major role in the continuous development of the services within the trust and as a potential member of a range of trust quality/process improvement project groups. My presentation will discuss my role and duties and the positive impact that it had on a well-established team and service.

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