

**NEONATAL ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (APRN) SCOPE OF PRACTICE
TALKING POINTS**

PROFESSIONAL ROLE

Neonatal Nurse Practitioners (NNP) are licensed providers in hospitals and clinics. In addition, NNPs may provide transport support of ill infants intercity and across state lines.

NNPs diagnose and develop treatment plans to manage the care of critically ill infants.

EDUCATION

NNPs are educated at the masters or doctoral level with specialized knowledge to manage the treatment of critically ill infants and their families.

ACCOUNTABILITY

NNPs are expected to take the national certification exam and participate in ongoing education to ensure their ability to provide safe, high quality care.

RESPONSIBILITY

As leaders, NNPs respond to changing societal health care needs to provide safe, timely, cost effective, equitable, and patient-centered care.

PRESCRIPTIVE AND DISPENSING PRIVILEGE

NNPs are formally educated in pharmacology and regulated by state boards of nursing to prescribe and dispense medications and devices in the healthcare management of critically ill neonates.

