

Abstract

The position of a hospital based advanced practice nurse has proven to be a profitable and vital component in large, urban hospitals throughout the United States. However, the utilization of hospital based advanced practice nurses is far less in small to moderate sized hospitals in less populated areas. This project examines how a hospital based advanced practice nurse influenced length of stay for interventional cardiology patients over the course of three years in a moderate sized Midwest hospital while generating revenue for the hospital at the same time. Additionally, this project examines how a position such as a hospital based advanced practice nurse supports the future needs of healthcare addressed in Healthy People 2010.