Saskatchewan **Association of** Nurse **Practitioners**

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Access to healthcare in rural Sask





Denise Geck NP Kelvington 17 years



- Masters prepared
- Across the lifespan
- Diagnose/Treat
- Prescriptions
- Biopsies
- Labs, Xrays, CTs
- NPs do not need to be supervised by Dr

Mark Tarry NP Wynyard 20 years

- Emergency Room
- Minor Procedures
- Severe illnesses
- Consult specialists
- Admit/discharge
- Team Based Care





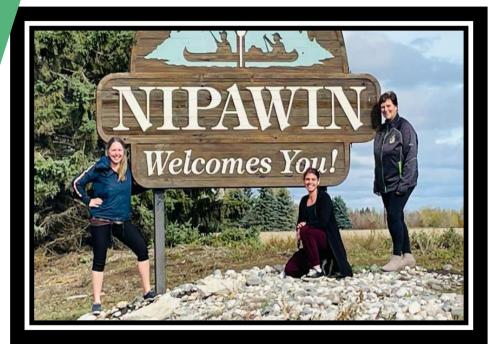
Johanne Rust NP Assiniboia and area 20 years



- Long term care
- All ages
- Chronic Disease
- Prenatal care



NPs are part of Team Based Care



Kristen Schlechte NP 15 years

Tara Rudy NP 15 years

Pat Olsen NP 19 years



Local NPs provide decades of care

"You can get a new job,

but you can't get a new farm"





Grow Your Own

- Support local RN to become NP
- Improve rural health services





The Solution

- Implement the 2014 Rural and Remote Nurse Practitioner Recruitment Strategy.
- Use the NPs Saskatchewan already has.
- 10% of Saskatchewan's NPs are unemployed (they continue to work as RNs)



How can SARM Help

- Pressure the government to reinstate the Grow your Own Program
- Contribute towards relocation expenses, or bonuses for hard to fill positions



Thank You



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