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The Role of the Advanced Clinical Practitioner in Acute Medicine

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About Me

What does an ACP do?

- Complementary to the traditional medical workforce
- Impact on patient experience: Holistic assessment, continuity of care
→ patients feel that they receive a more personalised service
- Bridges the gap between nursing, therapies and medicine
- Impact on outcomes and patient safety: recognising omissions or shortfalls in care, increased recognition and management of deteriorating patients, organisational knowledge and skills
- Impact on staff: improved communication and team working, nurses and junior Drs see them as a source of knowledge and are approachable
- Impact on length of stay and discharge: implementing care early, understanding organisational barriers and how to work around them, completing discharge paperwork in timely manner

Why do we need ACP's?

- Service drivers for change:
- Five Year Forward View
- New Care Models
- 7 Day Services Clinical Standards
- Urgent & Emergency Care Service Development
- Sustainability and Transformation Plans

Challenges of the role

- Crossing boundaries
- Learning curve
- Training/studying/working/living
- Cost to NHS
- Lack of a consistent understanding of Advanced Practice roles, and how standardised are educational requirements, competencies and job descriptions?
- Governance of such roles to ensure safe and effective patient care

Highlights of the role

- Improved patient outcomes
- Increased access of services for patients
- Leadership and improved efficiency

- Professional Doctorate in Health



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