

What roles and responsibilities do nurses have?

Like doctors, nurses also treat and care for their patients. They help lots of people - from the ones who have cuts and other small injuries, to some who are very poorly for a long, long time. They help their patients get better by using care plans, doing tests and giving medicine to help people to become healthy again. People usually see nurses in doctors' surgeries by making appointments, but nurses also work in hospital wards and emergency departments. Nurses are very busy and do lots of different jobs like give jabs, change bandages, check on the patients, clean cuts, take blood pressure, write notes and get people ready for operations. Nurses in hospitals can care for the same patients a lot - they talk with them and their families and so they get to know the patients very well.

