

Nurse Practitioner FAQ's

I am a nurse practitioner, is it appropriate for me to provide care to my family and friends?

In reference to providing care to clients as a Nurse Practitioner (NP), NANB refers to a 'family member' or 'friend' within the context of the nurse practitioner being able to provide care while maintaining objective judgment in reaching diagnostic and therapeutic decisions.

Specifically, a family member or a friend refers to an NP's spouse or partner, parent, child, sibling, grandparent or grandchild; a parent, child, sibling, grandparent or grandchild of the NP's spouse or partner; or another individual with whom the NP has personal or emotional involvement that may render the NP unable to exercise objective professional judgment in reaching diagnostic or therapeutic decisions.

As an NP, you must decide whether the potential client is someone with whom you share an emotional bond that could potentially render you ethically challenged or emotionally at risk of not maintaining an objective and therapeutic relationship.

In emergency situations, it is expected that the NP would provide life-saving measures to the best of their professional abilities and within their scope of practice, regardless of the personal relationship between the client and the NP.