Nurse Practitioners

Part of the solution

Nurse Practitioner

- ★ 20 000 30 000 Sudburians without access to regular primary care
- Currently 8 NPs in Sudbury unable to find work locally
- ➤ Typical NP practices contain 800 1000 patients
- ▶ NPs typically manage 70 80 % of family practice needs



- Working out of town
- Moving out of town
- * Working as RNs & pharmacy techs (why did we go back to school?)
- 20 students currently enrolled at Laurentian
 University in NP program

Where are the jobs?

- Recent survey of NP web sites
- * 30 plus openings south of Barrie, 1 north
- * 12 plus openings south of Barrie, 1 north

Nurse Practitioner Care

Patient scenarios

Typical clinics

- * NP led clinics
- NPs working in agencies
- NPs manage family practices
- **Salaried**
- * Physician support 2-3 hours/week

Current efforts

- Letters and personal conversations with municipal and provincial governments
- Support from Registered Nurses
 Association of Ontario and Nurse
 Practitioner Association of Ontario
- RNAO lobbying Premier re Sudbury NP situation
- FHT proposals written without success



- Time to re-assign over 40 unfilled NP positions that have sat vacant since 2003
- RNAO and Sudbury NPs working together re NP clinic
- Sudbury Council needs to broaden it's health human resources strategy

Request to Council = Solutions

- Lobby MOHLTC to re-distribute unfilled NP positions
- Lobby MOHLTC to fund a NP led clinic in Sudbury (real increase in number of providers)
- * Broaden human health resource strategy
- Support NP graduates