**Advanced Nurse Practitioner**

*Locum Role*

**GP Surgery Setting**

As a locum ANP in a GP Surgery you will be expected to carry out treatment for minor illnesses and injuries autonomously. You’ll also manage acute cases such as COPD, asthma, injections, and new patient intakes. It’s a fast paced environment with appointments typically being 10 minutes in duration.

*Some ailments you might see and treat include*

* Abdominal Pain (including indigestion, constipation, diarrhoea, vomiting, etc)
* Allergies / Hay Fever
* Children with Fever
* Coughs, Cold Virus, Flu-like Illnesses
* Ear, Nose, and Throat Infections
* Eye Problems
* Emergency Contraception
* Minor Injuries
* Muscle and Joint Injuries
* Respiratory/Chest Infections and Asthma
* Skin Complaints
* Urine Infections

**Walk-In Centre Setting**

As a locum ANP in a Walk-In Centre, you will be expected to manage urgent care needs autonomously. The ailments you’ll see in a WIC are very similar to a GP Surgery setting, but you may see more minor injuries than in the GP practice setting. These centres typically also have 10 minute appointments. While there are other staff members working, you’ll need to manage most cases autonomously and prescribe/refer appropriately.

*The five most common ailments seen at a WIC are as follows*

* Minor Injuries, Sprains and Strains
* Sore Throat
* Ear Problems
* Urinary Tract Infections
* Cuts and Burns

*At either location you may also experience patients with*

* Minor Head Injury
* Headaches
* Dizziness
* Muscular Chest Pain
* Referring Cardiac Chest Pain to A&E
* PV Bleeding
* Rectal Problems
* Minor Road Traffic Accidents

**Summary**

This list is not comprehensive and an Advance Nurse Practitioner should be prepared for the full range of primary care issues that present themselves. ANPs will often be required to consult with their GP, nurse and administrative colleagues for a variety of reasons therefore good communication skills are essential.