# Nurse Practitioners and Pharmacists Collaborating for Improved Care

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# Comprehensive Medication Management in Primary Care<sup>1</sup>



Indication



Effectiveness



Safety



Convenience

# Teamwork Supports the Ouadruple Aim

"Effective team functioning in health care is associated with greater career satisfaction among clinicians as well as improved quality of care and greater patient satisfaction"<sup>2</sup>



# Patient presents to clinic Individual visit with NP Referrals and Consultations Individual visit with PharmD

# Additional Pharmacist Roles:

- ✓ Drug information
- ✓ Policy & procedure development
- ✓ Patient teaching

## Legislative Changes in Minnesota

Summer 2014: Pharmacy Practice Act now allows for pharmacists to maintain a collaborative practice agreement with APRNs



Ability for advanced practice nurses and pharmacists to collaborate at the top of their licenses

National Regulatory State<sup>3</sup>

# **Nurse Practitioner Role**

- Leads medical assessment
- Addresses physical and mental health needs
- Holistic perspective

# **Pharmacist Role**

- •Leads medication assessment
- Optimizes medications
- Personalizes medication regimens

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