

Roles of the Advanced Primary Nurse



CLINICIAN

- Conduct individual assessments of high-risk elders including comprehensive history and focused physician examination.
- Collaborate with nurse practitioner or general practitioner (GP) to diagnose problems and develop care plan.
- Monitor elder to determine effectiveness of treatment.



CHAMPION

- Identify and address health issues of elders across health care and social care systems.
- Integrate pathways of care to decrease duplication, fragmentation, and delay.
- Advocate high-quality, integrated, and consistent care for individual elders.



CARE ORCHESTRATOR

- Coordinate each instance of intervention across all health providers —GPs, consultants, nurses, rehabilitation specialists, social services, and family members.
- Orchestrate care in all settings, including at home, in hospitals, and in nursing care homes.



COACH

- Inform elders and their families about anticipated decline in health related to a disease.
- Formulate and update advanced care plans with elders and their families.
- Teach service providers and carers to recognise early signs of a change in elder's condition.



COMMUNICATOR

- Relay information about elder's health condition to all service providers, especially to A&E staff and consultants, upon admission to hospital.
- Communicate health condition, treatments, services, and expected outcomes to elders, their families, and non-medical carers.