What is a Nurse Practitioner:

Nurse practitioners are advanced practice registered nurses who work autonomously or in collaboration with other healthcare professionals to deliver patient-focused care. Given the rather broad nature of primary care, nurse practitioners offer a wide range of healthcare services from health promotion and disease prevention to direct care and counseling across the lifespan. They also perform a variety of procedures in the office. Since they have a graduate-level education, as well as clinical training in family medicine, they are qualified to diagnose and treat complex health conditions of the body and mind. They are certified to interpret lab orders and imaging studies and hold a DEA license to prescribe medications.