

## **DEBBIE FINNIKIN**

BSc (Hons), PGC Primary Care

In addition to her general nursing and midwifery training, Debbie has undertaken extensive further education gaining a degree in Advanced Professional Studies and a Post Graduate Certificate in Primary Care.

### **WHAT IS A NURSE PRACTITIONER?**

Nurse Practitioners are experienced nurses who, through further education and specialist training, have developed their skills and knowledge in order to offer extended services to patients.

While not being a replacement for Doctors, they can provide nursing services that incorporate some aspects of care previously provided by Doctors.

### **WHAT CAN A NURSE PRACTITIONER DO?**

- Take a history of your health problem and perform a physical examination.
- Diagnose and treat minor illnesses and common health problems.
- Prescribe a wide range of medications.

- Manage long term illnesses such as asthma and coronary heart disease, offering support and education about the condition.
- Offer telephone advice about minor illnesses, health problems and medication.
- Treat minor injuries.

### **THE NURSE PRACTITIONER CAN TREAT AND PRESCRIBE FOR:**

- Coughs
- Sore throats
- Ear ache/ear problems
- Eye problems
- Skin problems/infections
- Wound infections
- Head lice
- Threadworms
- Female problems
- Cystitis/urinary problems
- General health queries

### **HOW CAN YOU CONTACT THE NURSE PRACTITIONER?**

- You can make an appointment to see her in one of her surgeries.
- She is available for telephone advice during the morning.

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