



# *Nurse Practitioner Program*

ECKVILLE  
PRESENTATION  
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# *What other communities have NPs?*

- Delburne
- Sylvan Lake
- Ponoka
- Coming Soon (Innisfail/Penhold, Samson/Maskwacis, and potentially Blackfalds)

# Overview of Funding Model

- \* Alberta Health (AH) has limited grant funding available
- \* \$125k/yr paid to PCN to fund salary and benefits of NP for 3 years
- \* Require a self-sustaining business model

Typically, an NP can have patient panel (Patients who commits to see the NP as their Family Health Care Provider) of up to 500 patients (AH pays the PCN \$62 per year for each patient panelled to an NP). It typically take 3 years to establish a panel.

# Opportunity to Share with Bentley

- There is an opportunity to share
- Risks to consider:

Not having availability within each community often enough, so patients choose to travel to another healthcare provider instead of using service in town resulting in:

- continuity of care is broken if patient sees multiple providers (potential for reduced health outcomes)
- Less panel funding received by PCN to offset expenses for community

# Timeline

- 1) Alberta Health only offers applications a few times a year (potentially within the next few months, but this is unknown)
- 2) Once grant funding approved, PCN can post position immediately, as long as we know community has sustainable infrastructure in place to support NP position (Medical Office Assistant, EMR, overhead)

# *Who is agreement with?*

- Agreement would be between Wolf Creek PCN and the municipality.