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| 1 | It is no surprise that people first think of doctors | 11 |
| 2 | when someone refers to a person as a medical provider. Of | 22 |
| 3 | course, they quickly realize that the term also can be used | 34 |
| 4 | to describe a nurse. They are not as apt to realize that a | 46 |
| 5 | pharmacist is also one who provides medical care. While | 58 |
| 6 | laws do vary a good deal, some states do permit druggists | 69 |
| 7 | to give such shots as those that are now used for the flu. | 81 |
| 8 | Some states even allow them to prescribe the basic drugs. | 93 |
| 9 | Others in the medical field have titles that are not | 103 |
| 10 | as common. Nurse practitioners are registered nurses who | 115 |
| 11 | either have earned master's degrees or have exited from | 126 |
| 12 | certificate programs that are about two years in length. | 138 |
| 13 | They care for those who have colds, minor injuries, and | 149 |
| 14 | infections. Nurse practitioners can diagnose, treat, and | 160 |
| 15 | monitor those with chronic disease problems. They can also | 172 |
| 16 | prescribe and diagnose lab work and electrocardiograms. In | 184 |
| 17 | most states they may even be allowed to prescribe medicine. | 196 |
| 18 | The major tasks for a certified nurse-midwife are in | 207 |
| 19 | obstetrics and gynecology. Experts in prenatal and newborn | 219 |
| 20 | care, they deliver babies in a home, in a birth center, or | 231 |
| 21 | a hospital. They also treat those with venereal diseases. | 243 |
| 22 | A master's degree or a certificate program is required. | 254 |
| 23 | Although he or she must work under a doctor, if even | 265 |
| 24 | by phone, the training for a physician assistant is almost | 276 |
| 25 | as long as for a doctor. They can do nearly all the things | 288 |
| 26 | that a doctor can do, from primary care to surgical care. | 300 |
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