

Primary care providers and jurisdictions where they play major roles in primary care services for children and youth in Canada

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Provinces/territories where provider has major role in primary care services</b>	<b>Description of Role</b>
Family physicians	All provinces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key primary care provider throughout infancy, childhood, adolescence</li> <li>• Provide well-child care, immunizations (less than public health nurses), developmental surveillance/screening, management of acute and chronic conditions</li> <li>• Fewer family physicians in rural areas</li> <li>• In the territories, family physicians mainly work in the capital cities (Yellowknife, Whitehorse, Iqaluit), managing acute or chronic conditions, while public health/community nurses perform most of well-child care</li> </ul>
Public health/community health nurses	<p>All territories, rural areas</p> <p>All provinces</p> <p>Alberta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key primary care provider/point of care throughout infancy, childhood, and adolescence</li> <li>• Major role in preventive care in early childhood years (&lt;6 years old) mainly via provision of immunizations and developmental surveillance</li> <li>• In some provinces (e.g. Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia), they are less involved in early childhood immunizations and function more in primary care services via specialized programs (e.g. postnatal visits, home-based visits for high-risk families)</li> <li>• Provide majority of well-child care in early years (roles similar to family physicians) including physical assessments, immunizations, developmental surveillance, pre-school developmental screening, initiating referrals for problems (e.g. delayed language development)</li> </ul>
Nurse practitioners	Northwest Territories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main primary care provider in smaller communities outside of Yellowknife</li> </ul>

	<p>British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island</p> <p>Ontario</p> <p>Manitoba</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work alongside family physicians in primary health care practices or within primary care reform models</li> <li>• Some nurse practitioner-led primary care clinics</li> <li>• Nurse practitioner-led “Quick Care” clinics provide acute care and “Mobile Clinics” provide well-baby care, immunizations, diagnoses and referrals in smaller/underserved areas</li> </ul>
Pediatricians	Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide entire range of primary care services for healthy as well as high-risk children (complex and/or chronic conditions)</li> <li>• More prevalent in large cities (e.g. Toronto, Montreal, Calgary)</li> <li>• In other provinces, pediatricians mainly consultants for acute and chronic conditions (and may provide primary care during these visits)</li> </ul>
Midwives	All provinces (except New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary care for newborns up to 6 weeks old</li> <li>• Very few midwives in the territories</li> </ul>