



Jamaica

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The Nurse Practitioner profession was founded in Jamaica in the 1970s although legislative authority for the full scope of practice has yet to be implemented. The first school for Nurse Anesthetists was opened in the 1980s in Jamaica and prepared nurses with advanced skills for administering low-cost anesthesia.

Critical Mass

Nurse Practitioners:

Nurse Anesthetists in 2015: 50

Protected Titles/Definitions

There are two types of Advance Practice Nurses in Jamaica: Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Anesthetists.

Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are nurses with graduate degrees and advanced training to do comprehensive health assessments, prescribe medications, and some procedures.

Nurse Anesthetists (NAs) are trained nurses with a diploma/Master degree to administer cost-effective anesthesia.

Regulation

NAs: Jamaican Association of Nurse Anesthetists & Nursing Council of Jamaica

NPs: Nursing Council of Jamaica

Education

NPs have a Master degree in nursing in addition to their Bachelor degree in nursing.

Nurse Anesthetists are have a Bachelor degree in nursing, a Midwifery certificate as well as a Master degree in Nursing Anesthesiology.

Prescription Authority

APNs do not have legal authority to prescribe medications and practice with physician co-signing.

Web Links

<http://www.jana.org.jm/>

<http://ncj.org.jm/>

<http://jsna.edu.jm/>

<http://ifna.site/country/jamaica/>

Social Media Presence

<https://www.facebook.com/JamaicaAssociationOfNursePractitioners/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Jamaica-Midwives-Association-224821827577408/>

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