

EUN LEE KIM, MSN, RN, FNP-C

Nurse Practitioner

NYC Health + Hospitals/Correctional Health Services



Nurse practitioner Eun Lee Kim took an unconventional path into the profession, but that hasn't stopped her from excelling in her chosen field: "I studied mathematics at university, however, all of a sudden, I realized that I like to help people," she explains. "So, I changed my major to nursing science and became an RN in 2003. Then, to provide the more appropriate and skilled nursing care to patients needing focused care, I went to graduate school and became a Nurse Practitioner in family health in 2012."

But despite arriving to the profession by a different route, Kim says her inspiration is similar to that of many other nurses: caring for her patients to the best of her abilities. "The things that motivate me every day include knowing that I am making a real difference to people's lives; and doing the best I can for patients," she says, adding that it really encourages her when, "patients thank you or smile - it really makes my day."

Working in NYC Health + Hospitals/Correctional Health Services allows Kim to "participate in society, unlike working in private setting. There are many memorable moments in my nursing experiences, but one of them is a patient who was diagnosed with prostate cancer and had a chance to have treatments during incarceration," she points out. "The patient mentioned that he wouldn't have taken care of his health this much if he was not incarcerated. Incarceration is not a pleasant situation at all; however, in this case patient had time to be treated for his cancer."

Kim says she is constantly striving to improve as a nurse in order to better serve her patients. "I always try to work hard, and enjoy my job because as a nurse and a nurse practitioner I find it's very rewarding helping patients," she remarks. "However, while working, I have been faced all the time with skills I lack in many ways, such as culturally, socially, and professionally. That pushes me to learn and look for ways to give patients more satisfactory and high-quality care."

In terms of professional values, Kim cultivates accountability. "I try to provide all of my patients with the very best care and advocacy that I can," she states. "It's important for me to ensure that my patients are always comfortable in my abilities, so they know they are being looked after properly without prejudices."