**What do doctors do? What do nurses do?**

Doctors have more of a "decision-making" role whereas nurses do not. Nurses have more "patient contact" (in my opinion) and may help out with some clinical aspects such as giving injections, canulations etc. They don't really decide what treatment patients will receive. But they are still integral members of the medical team.

Doctors prescribe medicine. Nurses go around with their trolley dishing it out.

Nurses stay mainly on one ward. They deal with the medications, and the nursing paperwork. They also do feeding, washing, general caring, supervising and monitoring of patients. They go to meetings, and have training days (actually doctors do that too).

Doctors consult - patients, or other doctors, or nurses, or random people on the telephone. They examine and take histories, order investigations and prescribe (most) treatment.

Doctors do more diagnosing, administering, discussing treatments, etc.; nurses look after the patients day-to-day.

In general - nurses take care of more personal care, giving medication, looking after the general welfare of patients and the running of a ward.

Doctors have more of a diagnostic role and decision making role. But are there when nurses don't feel comfortable to do a job they would normally do (e.g. difficult bloods or cannulas), or when certain protocols say that a doctor review is needed, or when they notice a deterioration in a patient they might bleep a doctor to come and review a patient.

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