



CAPA - Canadian Association of Physician Assistants

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Call for presenters.

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants (CAPA) Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to invite physician, physician Assistants and other health care professionals to be presenters at the CAPA's 7th Annual National Conference 27-28 September 2008 at the Citadel Hotel, Halifax, NS. In order to have a high standard of Continuing Professional Education (CPE), CAPA is looking towards our professional colleagues to be presenters at this year's conference.

Background

A Physician Assistant (PA) is a health care professional who has graduated from a Canadian Medical Association accredited educational program or from a US accredited program. They work directly under supervision of a licensed physician. PAs are only intended to extend the patient services offered by the physician. They cannot function as Physician substitutes or supplant Physician services. The PAs clinical activities may be further shaped by the specialty and practice content of the employing Physician or institution. Additionally, the supervising Physician may expand or limit the breadth of the PAs role based on the Physician's perception of the PAs demonstrated skills and capabilities. What a PA specifically does, varies with the training, experience, and clinical setting.

Currently, the vast majority of PAs in Canada are primarily employed by the Canadian Forces in garrison health clinics, and on deployments, most recently, Afghanistan, however recently with Health Force Ontario PA trial project, PA are now employed in various hospitals and clinics throughout Ontario.

PA clinical competencies and skill sets include the ability to complete detailed patient histories, perform comprehensive physical examinations, conduct diagnostic procedures, the correlating of all gathered medical data through their extensive medical model training into a provisional diagnosis and treatment plan for the review of the supervising Physician. After conferring with the Physician, the PA then initiates the appropriate patient treatments, teaching, prescriptions, counseling and follow up plans.

If you are interested in Presenting or know of peers that are interested in presenting, please fill out the attached form, outlining the Topic (s), Objectives, and a brief overview. For questions/queries contact the CAPA National Office. In addition we will require your biographical information for the Conference brochure.

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Sincerely

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