

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY of PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS

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Do you know who represents the formally trained physicians' assistant on the national, state, and local level? Have you ever wondered why 34 states now have legislation allowing you to practice? Why you have been accepted into medical circles as a competent clinician? Do you know who can assist you with continuing medical education and who can provide you with malpractice insurance? Why the National Board of Medical Examiners took it upon themselves to promote physicians' assistant certification through examination? Why the National Commission on Certification has five physicians' assistants, like yourself, as directors? The answer is the American Academy of Physicians' Assistants. Our organization cannot continue to promote YOUR profession without YOUR help. The Academy is still pioneering the future of our profession and the concept depends on YOU.

HISTORY The Academy was established as a nonprofit organization in 1968 by a group of formally trained physicians' assistants. It was apparent that this new member of the health care team needed to actively participate in the development of his profession. The Academy has gone through a tremendous growth phase over the past year and a half. We have most recently been included as the fifth collaborating organization in the American Medical Association's Joint Review Committee, have been given five seats on the National Commission for Certification of Physician's Assistants, and have recently been added as a member to the Panel of Consultants of the AMA's Advisory Committee on Education for the Allied Health Professions and Services. More important, however, is the fact that the Academy has been recognized as the inclusive organization most representative of the physician-extender movement in this country.

MEMBERSHIP There are two classifications for membership within the Academy: fellow member and student member. Admission as a fellow member requires that the assistant be a graduate of an AMA approved educational program preparing the Assistant to the Primary Care Physician and/or certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants. Those persons enrolled in a Physicians' Assistant Program qualify for admission as a student member in an affiliated student chapter of the Academy.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION Postgraduate medical education on a recurring basis is essential to the acquisition of new knowledge and skills while improving those abilities essential to the continued provision of quality health care services. The Academy, in addressing itself to these points, has formulated guidelines and a program of continuing medical education for its membership to coincide with evolving guidelines for graduate recertification.

Briefly, each member is required to accrue 150 hours of continuing education credit over a three year period. Such credits may be earned through formal education, clinically oriented research, courses for continuing medical education, student instruction in the health professions, publication of data and attendance to scientific meetings and assemblies. Specific guidelines for the continuing medical education program are published quarterly in the Journal.

CERTIFICATION The Academy, as a member of the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants, participates closely with such organizations as the American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Surgeons, American Hospital Association, American Medical Association, Association of American Medical Colleges, National Board of Medical Examiners and the Federation of State Medical Boards in the official recognition of those maintaining as well as those achieving competence in health care as evidenced by examination. The Certifying Examination for the Assistant to the Primary Care Physician is administered on a yearly basis. Specific guidelines for graduate recertification are in preparation at this time.

PUBLICATIONS The "P.A. Journal—A Journal for the New Health Practitioner" is published quarterly and is sent to Academy members. It is the official journal of the P.A. movement and the Academy encourages its members to publish articles. A newsletter is also published bimonthly.

NATIONAL OFFICE The Academy national office is located in Washington, D.C. The executive director and his full time staff are always available to assist the membership.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE The first of April each year, the Academy and the Association of Physician Assistant Programs sponsor an Annual Conference on the New Health Practitioner. The conference includes various topics of interest to all physicians' assistants, continuing medical education, business meetings, exhibits and social functions. The registration fee is reduced for Academy members.

INSURANCE Two insurance programs, malpractice and general, are available to Academy members. Specific information pertaining to these plans may be obtained through the national office.

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT LISTING Employment opportunities are recruited and maintained by the national office. These listings are available to Academy members only upon request.

STUDENT SOCIETIES As a reflection of student interest in the concept and the Academy, most programs for the Assistant to the Primary Care Physician have developed student societies. In general, a group of organized students petition the Academy for recognition. Following review and approval by the Academy, the student group receives a charter. Members of these societies are then considered student members of the AAPA and eligible to participate in most functions of the organization. In addition, the various societies are responsible for electing two student members to the Board of Directors of the Academy with full voting privileges.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP All fellow members receive a certificate, suitable for framing when applications are complete. Student members are initially issued a membership card and upon graduation certificates.

DUES Membership dues are managed on an annual basis. In addition to annual dues, each new fellow member incurs an initial \$5.00 application fee. By joining the Academy NOW you will not have to pay dues again until January 1, 1976. Membership dues are as follows:

Fellow Members: \$50.00 (and \$5.00 application fee)

Student Members: \$20.00 (no application fee required)

REMEMBER WE REPRESENT YOUR PROFESSION. We are working diligently to make the Physician Assistant concept the best for you. Without your support we cannot offer the necessary representation. PLEASE JOIN by completing the enclosed application.

OFFICIAL A.A.P.A. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION		Send to: AAPA/Membership Comm. 2120 I. St. NW, Suite 210 Washington, D.C. 20037
PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME: _____	_____	_____
SOC. SEC. NUMBER _____	_____	_____
PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____	_____	_____
PROFESSIONAL ADDRESS: _____	_____	_____
TELEPHONE: _____	_____	_____
I APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AS A <input type="checkbox"/> Fellow <input type="checkbox"/> Student		
I HAVE ENCLOSED A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AS PAYMENT OF MY DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMENCING IN:		
Feb.-Apr.	May-July	Aug.-Oct.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dues: \$55	\$43	\$31
*Fellow: \$20	\$15	\$10
Student: _____	_____	_____
*The \$5 application fee is included in the Fellow's dues.		
I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ACADEMY IS ON AN ANNUAL BILLING CYCLE AND THAT MY ANNUAL DUES PAYABLE IN JAN. OF EACH YEAR ARE \$50 FOR FELLOW AND \$20 FOR STUDENT MEMBERS.		
Date of Graduation or Tentative Graduation date: _____		
Name of P.A. Program Attending or Graduated from: _____		
Address: _____		
Name of P.A. Student Society: _____		
SIGNATURE: _____	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
TODAY'S DATE: _____	Amt. _____	
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PLEASE ALLOW 60 DAYS FOR PROCESSING OF APPLICATION	Code _____	