

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS

The American College of Physician's Assistants is aware of the health needs within all levels of our society. We are devoted to the best possible patient care, and are dedicated to facilitating that concern under the supervision of the Physician. In order to achieve this goal, we believe that it is necessary to establish and maintain high standards of personal integrity and professional ethics. Equally necessary is the continual improvement of the knowledge, skills, and education of the medical community. It is to the fulfillment of these ends that The American College of Physician's Assistants is formed.

THE OATH OF THE PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS

I solemnly pledge myself before God and this witness to practice faithfully all of my duties as a Physician's Assistant.

I hold the care of the sick and the injured to be a privilege and a sacred trust, and will assist the Physician with loyalty and honesty.

I will not knowingly permit harm to come to any patient.

I will not partake of nor administer any unauthorized medications.

I will hold all personal matters pertaining to the private lives of the patient in strict confidence.

I dedicate my heart, mind, and strength to the work before me.

I will not speak in a derogatory manner of any other person in the health profession.

I shall do within my power to show in myself an example of all that is honorable and good throughout my career as a Physician's Assistant.

CONCEPT

RECOGNIZING THAT DISEASE AND PERSISTENCE WILL CONTINUE TO
PLAGUE MANKIND, WE OF THE ASSOCIATION BELIEVE THAT OUR MEMBERSHIP
CAN AND WILL ASSIST IN THE ALLEVIATION OF HUMAN AFFLICTION, AND ARE
COMMITTED DEEPLY TO THE PHILOSOPHY THAT THIS CAN BE BEST IMPLEMENTED
BY DEVOTING OURSELVES TO THE TEAM CONCEPT OF COMPREHENSIVE PATIENT
CARE.

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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

- Section 1. The name of this organization is THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS, hereafter referred to as the "COLLEGE".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- Section 1. The COLLEGE is formed as a non-profit organization to develop the skills and knowledge to perform the tasks prescribed by the employing Physician's or Institutions.

- Section 2. To assist in development of criteria leading to certification of Physician's Assistants.

- Section 3. Assist in improving the educational standards of schools or institutions having programs or study courses leading to the development of certified Physician's Assistants.

- Section 4. Study, discuss, and exchange knowledge, experience, and ideas beneficial to the improvement of Physician's Assistants and the needs of the public.

- Section 5. To establish and maintain high standards, and a Code of Ethics.

ARTICLE III - OFFICE AND DURATION

- Section 1. The principal office of this Association shall be located in the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio.

- Section 2. The death, removal or resignation of any member of this Association shall not result in the dissolution of this Association.

- Section 3. In the event of dissolution of the said corporation, all liabilities shall be paid and the remaining liquid assets shall be donated to a charitable organization.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section 1. Fellows shall consist of "men and women of good ethical character who have at least an Associate of Science degree in Clinical, Surgical, Orthopedic, or Anatomical Assistant, or who have successfully completed a MEDEX program, or the equivalent of either, or have been certified by the guidelines of AMA".

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ARTICLE IV - Continued

- Section 2. Provisional membership shall consist of "men and women of good ethical character who have not fully met the academic standards, or are awaiting certification". Provisional membership may be granted with the understanding that their requirements be fulfilled within twenty-four (24) calendar months.
- Section 3. Student membership shall consist of "men and women of good ethical character who are enrolled in recognized Physician's Assistants programs". This section shall become effective September 1, 1973.
- Section 4. FEES - The initiation fee for each new member chapter shall be fifty (\$50.00) dollars. The initiation fee must accompany the application. Charter chapters shall be exempt from the initiation fee. Eligibility for charter chapter membership is limited to those chapters approved for membership prior to September 1, 1972.
- Section 5. The annual dues of all Fellows and Provisional Members shall be twelve (\$12.00) dollars, payable on a quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis. Annual dues for student members shall be six (\$6.00) dollars, payable on a quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

- Section 1. The terms of office of the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for two (2) years duration.
- Section 2. The President of each member chapter will also assume the office of Executive Vice-President.
- Section 3. The next election of officers shall be held at the first National Convention in July, 1974.
- Section 4. Nominations for all offices shall be made six (6) months prior to the National Convention by the Executive Committee.
- Section 5. The election of officers shall be by secret ballot of the delegates.
- Section 6. All newly elected officers will assume their duties at the first meeting of the chapter following their election. Each the past members, and newly elected members shall be present to assure that a proper transfer of duties and records shall be made.

ARTICLE V - Continued

Section 7. The impeachment of any officer shall be effective upon the non-fulfillment of his duties as stated in Article VI. Removal of an officer shall be effective by a vote of two-thirds of the Executive Committee. The officer in question shall have a fair chance to defend his position prior to the voting on this action.

Section 8. Resignation of any national officer shall be presented to the Secretary in writing, and shall be effective upon acceptance by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, and National Conventions in accordance with the regular order of business. The President shall appoint the chairman of all committees, and shall be "ex-officio" member of all standing committees.

Section 2. The Executive Vice-President's shall assist the President as directed by the President. In the President's absence the senior Executive Vice-President shall serve.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep accurate and permanent minutes of all regular and special meetings of the COLLEGE. The Secretary shall be historian and custodian of all permanent records, and shall maintain current membership rolls. The Secretary shall send out notices of Executive Committee meetings at least two (2) weeks in advance, and National Meetings at least one (1) month in advance. The Secretary shall send out special invitations as necessary, and shall send out special correspondence as directed by the President.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep accurate and permanent records of the financial status of the COLLEGE funds, shall be custodian of all monies belonging to the COLLEGE, and shall be chairman of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. All committees shall function immediately upon being assigned to their duties, and the said committees shall perform the duties assigned them within the time specified and they shall report their results to the COLLEGE in writing.

ARTICLE VII - Continued

- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of all elected and appointed officers of the COLLEGE. The executive committee shall have the power to represent all business between National Conventions. The executive committee shall appoint and remove such operating officers as deemed necessary for the effective function of the COLLEGE.
- Section 3. All other committees shall be appointed as needed by the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. All committees shall hold their meetings at least quarterly.

ARTICLE VIII - GENERAL POWERS OF THE COLLEGE

- Section 1. This College shall have the power to own, accept, acquire, mortgage and dispose of real and personal property, and to obtain, invest and retain funds in advancing the purposes of Article II above.
- Section 2. This College shall have the power to do any lawful acts or things reasonably necessary or desirable for carrying out the Colleges purposes and for protecting the lawful rights and interests of its members in connection therewith.

ARTICLE IX - RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAPTERS

- Section 1. All chapters shall collect the national dues from their members and forward such dues to the COLLEGE on an annual basis.
- Section 2. All chapters shall be responsible for submitting a complete financial report to the College covering that fiscal year starting July 1st, and ending June 30.
- Section 3. All chapters shall report to the COLLEGE any changes in membership status monthly.
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ARTICLE X - MEETINGS

- Section 1. Regular meetings of the COLLEGE shall be held every two (2) years.
- Section 2. Special meetings shall be called to take immediate action on business of an emergency nature with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee.
- Section 3. A quorum shall consist of at least a simple majority of the delegates.
- Section 4. When not in conflict with these Articles, the latest revision of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the governing rules of the College.

ARTICLE XI - AMMENDMENTS

- Section 1. All proposed amendments must be presented in writing to the College at least one regular meeting prior to approval by at least 2/3 of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII - ACCEPTANCE

- Section 1. These Articles shall become binding, and effective when approved and signed by six (6) orginators.