

We want to put this man in the hospital.

This man belongs in a hospital. Or in a doctor's office. Working alongside doctors, helping to care for patients.

For two years, he was a medic in Vietnam (volunteered for the duty because he was always interested in medicine). For two years he was the first one to the wounded on the battlefield. The first one to make the decisions that could save an arm, a leg—or a life.

That happens to be pretty good experience for a career in medicine.

But back in civilian life, he's pumping gas. Nothing wrong with that, of course. Except for the terrible waste of his training. But now there's a way to put people like this into hospitals and doctors' offices. Programs developed by America's doctors of medicine are now putting qualified people into patient care work. So they can apply their skills as "physician's assistants."

These "physician's assistants" are men and women who in a relatively short time can be trained to perform certain kinds of medicine (under a doctor's supervision, of course). They can do everything from taking blood pressure to giving shots, to saving lives in emergencies.

They're arriving on the scene just in time.

You see, there's a shortage of doctors today. And with the growth in population (a population that is living longer), and with the surge in demand for medical care, doctors need help now.

These "physician's assistants" are one very good answer to this grave problem. They're virtually an extra right hand for the doctor. And that's very good news for the doctor's patients.

For information on the "Physician's Assistant" programs, write: Box P, American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.