

American College of Physicians Assistants



ADVISORS:

DR. J. J. CRANLEY, M.D. F.A.C.S.
Cincinnati, Ohio

GEORGE S. SHIELDS, M.D.
Cincinnati, Ohio

KEITH P. SMITH, M.D. F.A.C.S.
Brecksville, Ohio

B. E. WINNE, M.D. F.A.C.S.
Toledo, Ohio

OFFICERS:

GREGORY GILREATH
President

ROY W. SNELL
Secretary-Treasurer

JAMES L. M. CHASE
Membership Chairman

SPENCER H. COLE
Research Chairman

D. B. MOORE
Sulive Secretary

BRUCE J. BARNHART
Promotional Director

THIS IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE
OF PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS IN WHICH WE PRESENT
OUR POSITION IN THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY AS WE
SEE IT. OUR INTENT AND FUNCTION AS AN ORGAN-
IZATION IS ASSUMING A PROFESSIONAL POSTION IN
THE ALLIED HEALTH FIELDS. WE HOPE THIS SYNOPSIS
EFFECTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PHYSICIANS
ASSISTANTS ROLL AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS
SERVING THAT ROLL.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS
310 Oak Street - Suite D, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

DEFINITION

The American College of Physicians Assistants is a national non-profit organization of physician's assistant comprised of members educated within the current standards delineated by the American Medical Association and graduates of the MEDEX program.

PHILOSOPHY

The American College of Physicians Assistants is aware of the health needs within all levels of our society. We are devoted to the best patient care and are dedicated to facilitating that concern under the guidelines of the governing medical authority. 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 Physicians Assistants is formed.

SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The College is formed as a non-profit organization:

To encourage and guide schools which will develop the skills and knowledge needed to perform the tasks prescribed by the physician or institution utilizing the services of physician's assistants.

To develop criteria leading to certification of schools for physician's assistants
To improve the educational standards of schools or institutions having programs or study courses leading to the development of certified physician's assistants.

To develop criteria leading to the certification of all physician's assistants.

To study, discuss, and exchange knowledge, experience, and ideas beneficial to the improvement of physician's assistants.

To establish and maintain high professional and ethical standards.

To unify all qualified organizations of physician's assistants into The College regardless of specialty, school of training or regional restrictions.

MEMBERSHIP

The structure of The College is such that as a national organization for a newly formed and developing profession its membership is composed of both Chapters nationwide and individuals who have not yet developed into the organizational Chapter.

Individual membership's criteria is that any person, without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, or political belief who are men and women of good ethical character, who have at least an Associate of Science degree in Physician Assisting or

MEMBERSHIP (continued)

one of the specialties, who have successfully completed a MEDEX program (or the equivalent of either) or who have been certified by a duly recognized certifying authority. In addition to these Fellows we are structured to accept honorary, student, and provisional members who must meet the basic requirements of a Fellow but have yet to complete the educational and/or clinical experience requirements for full Fellow membership.

The charter for Chapter membership is granted by The American College of Physicians Assistants after significant investigation of the proposed Articles of Association, Officership and membership by the The College's Research and Legal and Ethics Sub-Committees.

OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS

Achievement of professional and of certified recognition of the physician's assistant by coordination of the several physician's assistant organizations nationally through research and contact of the specific medical authorities involved, through unification of orientation and intent of physician's assistants as members, and through maintaining the professional, ethical and educational requirement established by the medical authorities in regard to the physician's assistants.

Establishment of a national receiving and dissemination center for available positions for the physician's assistants as well as the employing physician and/or institutions.

Establishment of a national communication center to facilitate contact between the profession of physician's assistants and the established professions in the medical community.

Utilization of available continuing medical education opportunities by organizing seminars, work shops and conventions for the physician's assistants as well as disseminating information regarding similar educational opportunities organized by other professional associations and/or institutions.

For further information please contact any of the officers of The American College of Physician's Assistants or

Mr. Gregory Gilreath - President
The American College of Physicians Assistants
310 Oak Street Suite D
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219