

Duke



The Third Annual Duke Conference on Physician's Assistants

**DURHAM HOTEL**  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA  
**NOVEMBER 12-13, 1970**

*The most serious health problem facing our nation today is the shortage of family doctors. . . . The American Medical Association believes there is something we can do right away that will begin to relieve the shortage. . . .*

*What we advocate is simply that private physicians begin immediately to divest themselves of all routine functions that can be performed by assistants and associates. . .*

*Does the creation of physician's assistants mean we can let up on the pressure to produce more and better doctors; Not at all. Obviously, we must have many more doctors as well as many more doctor's assistants if we are going to avoid a further crisis.*

*Walter C. Bornmeier, M.D.  
President,  
The American Medical Association  
Readers Digest (July, 1970)*

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*Ladies and Gentlemen:*

*I would like to welcome you to Durham, North Carolina (the heart of the Piedmont) and to this the Third Annual Duke Conference on Physician's Assistants.*

*As you are aware, Duke University has pioneered the effort in developing the physician's assistant concept. Since its inception in 1965, this concept has become one of the most prevalent issues in medical education. Now that much of the groundwork has been laid, the interest by professional groups and educational institutions across the country has grown to intense proportions.*

*Because of such interest, this conference is intended to bring people together from across the country who have been instrumental in the development of this concept as participants, and aim the program at you the professional, educational, governmental, and institutional leaders to allow comprehensive coverage of the current status of the physician surrogate and, further, gain direction for coordinated future activities in related research.*

*Again, let me be the first to extend the warm hand of Southern hospitality to those of you who have taken time from busy schedules to attend what should be the most informative, rewarding, and enjoyable conference to date.*

*Sincerely yours,*



*D. Robert Howard, M.D., Chairman  
Duke Conference on Physician's Assistants*

## THE PROFESSIONAL PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT

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The Physician's Assistant Program at Duke University Medical Center had its inception in the fall of 1965 under the direction of Dr. Eugene A. Stead, Jr. Although the concept of physicians using assistants is not a new one, the Duke program was the first formalized educational program directed toward that end.

To date the program has graduated 42 physician's assistants, all of whom are gainfully employed in a variety of roles in the delivery of health and medical services. Currently 68 students are enrolled in the program. In the future, an expansion of this concept is anticipated both at Duke and other medical centers which are now in the process of developing similar programs.

Each prospective student for the Duke Program must submit a completed application and provide other prerequisite information including scholastic Aptitude and Math Achievement Level I test results and transcripts of all previous educational experiences. In addition, each candidate must furnish documentation of his medical background and personal references as to his character and previous performance. Although physician's assistant applicants are selected from every health-related background, the largest contingency are ex-military corpsmen.

The educational curriculum at Duke is divided into two phases. The initial nine months consists of clinically oriented didactic courses in the basic medical sciences. In addition, the physician's assistant student begins his familiarization with patient management and care concepts. The second phase consists of fifteen months devoted to clinical experience where the student learns to apply his newly acquired medical knowledge in the clinical discipline of his choice.

With respect to academic accreditation and transferability of credit, we have submitted for approval a proposal for a major in Health Sciences to be conferred at the baccalaureate level by the School of Medicine. Moreover, credits received are transferable to other institutions with physician surrogate programs at the baccalaureate level.

Graduate physician's assistants are utilized in various clinical and hospital settings. Their primary function is the collection and organization of data used in the diagnosis and management of medical problems. In line with this they take medical histories, perform physical examinations, and request and carry out numerous laboratory and technical procedures traditionally done by physicians.

To date experience has demonstrated that professional physician's assistants can aid immeasurably in resolving the critical physician shortage that faces many segments of our society. All indications are that physician's assistants will continue to meld smoothly into the medical arena as far as economics, legislation and acceptance by patients, physicians, and other health team members are concerned.

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# Conference Faculty

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- David E. Lewis, M.A., Director of Education, Physician's Assistant Program, Duke University.
- Robert W. Ewer, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Texas School of Medicine.
- Martha D. Ballenger, L.L.B., Director of Legal Research, Physician's Assistant Program, Duke University.
- Clark C. Havighurst, L.L.B., Professor of Law, Duke University.
- D. Robert Howard, M.D., Director, Physician's Assistant Program, Duke University.
- Leland E. Powers, M.D., Director, Division of Allied Health, Bowman Grey School of Medicine.
- Thomas T. Thompson, M.D., Project Director of Physician's Assistants in Radiology, Duke University.
- J. Elliot Dixon, M.D., Family Practitioner, Ayden, North Carolina.
- Louis R. Pondy, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Business Administration, Duke University.
- Richard C. Reynolds, M.D., Director, Division of Community Health, University of Florida School of Medicine.

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## GUEST SPEAKERS

- E. Harvey Estes, Jr., M.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Community Health Sciences
  - Marc J. Musser, M.D., Medical Director, Veterans Administration, Central Office.
  - Terry Sanford, J.D., L.L.B., President, Duke University; former Governor of North Carolina.
  - Eugene A. Stead, Jr., M.D., Florence McAllister Professor of Medicine, Duke University Medical Center.
  - T. F. Zimmerman, Ph.D., Director of the Division of Health Manpower of the American Medical Association.
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# Agenda

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1970

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REGISTRATION

7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Durham Hotel Lobby

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7:45 A.M.

Breakfast

8:45 A.M.

Visit the Exhibits  
Durham Hotel

9:30 A.M.

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Civic Center

"A Cordial Welcome to the Participants of the Third Annual Duke Conference on Physician's Assistants."

Terry Sanford, J.D., LL.D.  
President  
Duke University

9:40 A.M.

"National Perspectives of a New and Emerging Health Profession: A Timely Overview."

Robert W. Ewer, M.D.  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
University of Texas at Galveston

10:10 A.M.

"Accommodation of the Physician's Assistant into the Legal Framework of Health Care Delivery."

Martha D. Ballenger LL.B.  
Director of Legal Research,  
Physician's Assistant Program  
Duke University School of Medicine

10:35 A.M.

"Evaluation of the Physician's Assistants' Productivity."

Louis R. Pondy, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of  
Business Administration and  
Community Health Sciences  
Duke University

11:00 A.M.

"Education of the Professional Physician's Assistant."

David E. Lewis, M.A.  
Associate Director, Physician's  
Assistant Program  
Duke University School of  
Medicine

11:25 A.M.

Ask the Man Who "Uses" One!

J. Elliot Dixon, M.D.  
General Practitioner  
Ayden, North Carolina

11:50 A.M.

End of Morning Session *Visit Exhibits*

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12:00 Noon

Shop Talk Luncheons

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Legal *University Ballroom*

MEMBERS

Martha D. Ballenger, LL.B.

Clark C. Havighurst, J.D.

Professor of Law

Duke University

Carl E. Fasser, P.A.

Assistant Director, Physician's Assistant Program

Duke University School of Medicine

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Education *Washington Duke*

David E. Lewis, M.A.

Robert W. Ewer, M.D.

John J. McQueary, P.A.

Educational Assistant, Physician's Assistant Program

Duke University School of Medicine

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Evaluation *Cardinal Room (Downtown Motel)*

Louis R. Pandy, Ph.D.

Richard C. Reynolds, M.D.

Director, Division of Community Health Sciences,

University of Florida

John A. Braun, P.A.

Research Assistant, Physician's Assistant Program

Duke University School of Medicine

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Administration *Fiesta Room (Holiday Inn)*

D. Robert Howard, M.D.

Director, Physician's Assistant Program

Duke University School of Medicine

Leland E. Powers, M.D.

Director, Division of Allied Health Programs

Bowman Gray School of Medicine

Thomas G. Kotheimer, P.A. Clinical Associate in Medicine

University of Texas at Galveston

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Application *Wedgewood Room*

J. Elliot Dixon, M.D.

Thomas T. Thompson, M.D. Project Director,

Physician's Assistants in Radiology

Duke University School of Medicine

Stephen V. Joyner, Physician's Assistant,

Ayden, North Carolina

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1:45 P.M. Visit Exhibits

2:00 P.M. Workshops

- Legal Issues *University Ballroom*  
*Introduction:* "Licensure and its Alternatives"  
Clark C. Havighurst, J.D.  
*Panel* Martha D. Ballenger, L.I.B.  
Clark C. Havighurst, J.D.  
Carl E. Fasser, P.A.
  
- Education *Washington Duke*  
*Introduction:* "Clinical Teaching for the Professional Assistant."  
Robert W. Ewer, M.D.  
*Panel* David E. Lewis, M.A.  
Robert W. Ewer, M.D.  
John J. McQueary, P.A.
  
- Research *Cardinal Room (Downtown Motel)*  
*Introduction:* "Evaluation of Health Services."  
Richard C. Reynolds, M.D.  
*Panel* Louis R. Pandy, Ph.D.  
Richard C. Reynolds, M.D.  
John A. Braun, P.A.
  
- Administration *Banquet Hall (Holiday Inn)*  
*Introduction:* "Physician's Interest in Physician's Assistants."  
Leland E. Powers, M.D.  
*Panel* D. Robert Howard, M.D.  
Leland E. Powers, M.D.  
Thomas G. Kotheimer, P.A.
  
- Utilization *Wedgewood Room*  
*Introduction:* "Specialty Application of Physician's Assistants."  
Thomas T. Thompson, M.D.  
*Panel* J. Elliot Dixon, M.D.  
Thomas T. Thompson, M.D.  
Stephen V. Joyner, P.A.

3:30 P.M. End of First Workshop Session – Visit Exhibits

3:45 P.M. Repeat Workshops

5:15 P.M. End of Workshops

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6:15 P.M. Reception and Cocktails *University Ballroom*

7:15 P.M. Dinner *Civic Center*

8:45 P.M. Guest Speaker

"The Patient Comes First."

Vernon E. Wilson, M.D.

Administrator

Health Services and Mental Health Administration

Washington, D.C.

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7:45 A.M.

Breakfast

8:45 A.M.

Last Opportunity to Visit Exhibits

9:30 A.M.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION *Civic Center*

"Considerations and Problems in the Development of New Health Occupations."

John B. Dillon, M.D.  
Chairman, Committee on  
Emerging Health Manpower,  
Council on Health Manpower  
AMA Headquarters  
Chicago, Illinois

10:00 A.M.

"The Role of the Physician's Assistant in Federal Health Care Programs."

Marc J. Musser, M.D.  
Chief Medical Director  
Veterans Administration  
Washington, D.C.

10:30 A.M.

"Dependence vs. Independence and Its Relationship to the Professional Physician's Assistant."

Eugene A. Stead, Jr., M.D.  
Florence McAllister Professor  
of Medicine  
Duke University School of  
Medicine

11:00 A.M.

"Other Issues Related to the Physician's Assistant Concept."

E. Harvey Estes, Jr., M.D.  
Professor and Chairman,  
Department of Community  
Health Sciences  
Duke University School of  
Medicine

11:30 A.M.

"The Physician's Assistant."

Walter C. Bornemeier, M.D.  
President  
American Medical Association

12:10 P.M.

"The Part and its Relationship to the Whole: A Brief Summary of the Conference."

D. Robert Howard, M.D.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS PROGRAM

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12:00 Noon *Wedgewood*

Association Luncheon and Executive  
Board Meeting


2:00 p.m. *University Ballroom*

General Session and Business Meeting  
followed by the election of officers

6:00 p.m. *Wedgewood*

Reception and Dinner Dance

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OUR 1970

THIRD ANNUAL DUKE CONFERENCE

ON PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS

has come to a close

*"FUTURE NEEDS - TODAY'S CHALLENGE"*

We all look forward to next year

when we'll meet again

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at

THE DURHAM HOTEL

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

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