



Serving, Caring, Healing

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Physician Assistants: **PA**rtners in Healthcare, **PA**rt of the Solution

PAs work *with* physicians and work *for* patients.

We are not mid-level providers, we are not APPs, we are not NPPs. By legal definition, we are Physician Assistants (PAs).

To deliver on our professional oath and duty to care for patients, it is essential we collaborate with rather than divide or demean other members of the healthcare team. **PAs are committed to teamwork and collaboration; together, with our physician colleagues, we provide the highest quality care.**

All PAs are trained in the medical model. The ARC-PA sets the rigorous standards for PA education and has since 1971 when it was tied to the American Medical Association. **This close relationship empowers PAs to lead, educate, and collaborate with every member of the healthcare team, especially physicians.** For 50+ years and in every field of medicine, PAs have maintained a prominent role in healthcare systems and provide comprehensive, quality care for patients. **The proven success of the PA-Physician relationship depends on our continued collaboration.**

The Texas Academy of Physician Assistants (TAPA) always has and always will legislatively support rules and regulations supporting quality and affordable care for the patients of Texas. TAPA remains willing to work with any group with this same patient centered goal. TAPA favors a legislative foundation that reduces regulatory burdens on the physician and PA team by **allowing decisions to be made by the physician and PA at the practice site.**

PAs play a critical role in the efficiency, accessibility, affordability and quality of medical care. **PAs are **PA**rtners with our physician colleagues and **PA**rt of the solution for healthcare in Texas.**

Sincerely,

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