

Who are Physician Associates?



A New Healthcare Professional



So who are Physician Associates?

Physician Associates are a collaborative healthcare professional with a generalist medical education, who work alongside doctors, GPs and other clinical professionals, to provide medical care as an integral part of the multidisciplinary team. They work with a dedicated supervisor, such as a GP, to increase the capacity for patient reviews and ensure comprehensive patient care.

New you say?

Physician Associates, also known as PAs, have been present in the UK for 20 years and have been established in places like the USA for even longer. Their numbers are growing significantly to support the increasing demand on the NHS.

So what does this mean for patients?

It's likely that you might be, or have already been, treated by a PA in a GP or hospital setting. They work to support other members of the team, enhancing patient outcomes and increasing capacity to see patients, allowing you to be seen sooner.

What roles do PAs have?

They offer a wide range of medical services, including taking patients' medical histories, conducting physical and mental health examinations, ordering and interpreting investigations, performing clinical procedures, and ultimately leading to the diagnosis and treatment of illnesses.

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