

A Practical Guide to Developing the Role of the Physician Associate

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Dr Nick Jenkins

Deputy Medical Director Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Associate Senior Lecturer Brunel University London, Clinical Fellow National Leadership Academy, Director National Physician Associate Expansion Programme

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"There are currently a number of concerns affecting the health service and impacting upon the ability to deliver good quality, safe and effective care. We believe that an increase in the number of Physician Associates working in the NHS will assist in addressing a number of these concerns. Physician Associates will provide expert support to clinical teams in the delivery of holistic care and treatment, helping to build much needed capacity in the NHS workforce." National Physician Associate Expansion Programme

"If you support your consultants you can work much more effectively"

Dr Gordon Wood, Medical Director, George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust, March 2016

The Department of Health's Competence and Curriculum Framework for the Physician Associate defines the physician associate as..."a new healthcare professional who, while not a doctor, works to the medical model, with the attitudes, skills and knowledge base to deliver holistic care and treatment within the general medical and/or general practice team under defined levels of supervision."

This timely one day conference focuses on developing the role of the Physician Associate in your service, how the demonstrated benefits of the role can support you and your service and improve patient care. The conference will also look at developing the role of the Physician Associate in practice and the development of the National Physician Associate Expansion Programme. Through national updates and practical case studies the conference will enable you to understand the role and the benefits and practical implications in practice for deployment in your service. Physician Associates were recently noted by the CQC as best practice in George Eliot Hospital where -there were physician associates who were trained to support medical staff with assessment, investigation and diagnosis".

"Physician associates can be found working in GP surgeries, Accident and Emergency departments, and inpatient medical and surgical wards throughout England and Scotland." The Faculty of Physician Associates

"We can't afford not to train physician associates"

Dr Nick Jenkins Executive Director, National Physician Associate Expansion Programme, March 2016

Physician Associates can, within their scope of practice:

*take medical/psychiatric histories, perform physical examinations, formulate differential diagnoses, order investigations, develop management plans with the Multidisciplinary Team, treat/counsel/educate/refer
perform patient/carer education role, perform procedures*

Taken from Teresa Dowsing, President, The Faculty of Physician Associates, March 2016

"Almost 100,000 PAs are employed in America. They value the role in helping clinicians tackle increasingly heavy workloads...-It's a rewarding career opportunity for those with a science degree who don't want to go to medical school but will end up being the right hand person to a doctor...PAs support doctors in the diagnosis and management of patients and are trained to perform a number of roles, including taking medical histories, performing examinations and diagnosing and treating illnesses...They work under the supervision of a doctor and usually have a science-orientated first degree, to be able to get on to one of the training programmes."

Dr Nick Jenkins Executive Director, National Physician Associate Expansion Programme

"We suggest that the PA model has a lot to offer GPs both in the short and long term and indeed is part of a permanent solution to ever-growing work pressures... The objective of PAs is not to 'take over', but to work collaboratively as dependent practitioners to support GPs in their work. Our outdated workforce model has to change, and PAs can help offset the problems of recruitment and retention to general practice while ensuring that the key issues of continuity and partnership in patient care remain central to the primary care endeavour." British Journal of General Practice

10.00 Chairman's Introduction

Dr Nick Jenkins Deputy Medical Director Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Associate Senior Lecturer Brunel University London, Clinical Fellow National Leadership Academy, Director National Physician Associate Expansion Programme

10.20 Developing the role of the Physician Associate

Rachel Forbes-Pyman

Physician Associate working in Acute Medicine
Surrey & Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
& Former Secretary The UK Association of Physician Associates
& PA lead for the KSS School of PAs

- the Physician Associate role and duties
- how can Physician Associates benefit your workforce and improve patient care?
- accountability of Physician Associates
- supporting Physician Associates in their roles
- national developments

10.50 Clinical Supervision: The Physician's Perspective

Dr Natalie King

Consultant Physician & Physician Associate Tutor
Surrey & Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
Clinical lead for KSS Physician Associate Programme

- the physician's role: working in partnership with Physician Associates
- challenges and successes in clinical supervision
- variations on the role in practice
- moving forward and our experience in Surrey and Sussex

11.20 Question and answers, followed by coffee

11.50 The Physician Associate Expansion Programme

The National Physician Associate Expansion Programme or 'NPAEP' is a specialist NHS transformation programme that has been created in order to expand the numbers of Physician Associates working in the NHS

Dr Nick Jenkins

Deputy Medical Director Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Associate Senior Lecturer Brunel University London, Clinical Fellow National Leadership Academy, Director National Physician Associate Expansion Programme

- the Physician Associate Expansion Programme
- how do we expand the numbers of Physician Associates working in the NHS
- demonstrating the benefits of the role
- supporting Higher Education Institutions to expand delivery of Physician Associate education programmes in order to meet the needs of their local health communities
- post qualification competency development and monitoring
- the role of the Physician Associates
- Interactive Discussion

12.20 Regulation and development of Physician Associates

Speaker to be announced

- moving Forward to Statutory Registration and Regulation
- overview of Regulation in the UK
- regulation challenges for Physician Associates
- prescribing and ionising radiation
- current National and Local Governance structures
- way forward

12.50 Question and answers, followed by lunch

Physician Associates: Case studies in practice

13.45 Developing the role of the Physician Associate in Hospitals

Patrick Thies

American Physician Associate & PA-C of Orthopaedic Surgery
and Jason George Physician Associate
Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust

- a day in the life of a Physician Associate
- developing the role: utilising Physician Associates in practice
- how the role fits within the multi-disciplinary team
- supporting Physician Associates: the Medical and Clinical Director's role
- the potential role of Physician Associate

14.15 Developing the role of the Physician Associate in Primary Care

Neil Howie Physician Associate, Haresfield Medical Practice,
Senior Lecturer & Admissions Tutor MSc Physician Associate
course University of Worcester

- the role of the PA in primary care
- understanding team dynamics
- the role in acute and chronic disease management
- what support do PAs need in primary care?

14.45 Panel Session: My role as a Physician Associate

Speakers include:

Lauren Rottman Physician Associate
West Suffolk Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Raj Gill Physician Associate
Swiss Cottage Surgery

Karen Roberts Physician Associate Director for Recertification
Faculty of Physician Associates The Royal College of Physicians
Chair UK PA National Examination

- my role and why this role was of interest to me
- the highs and lows of the role
- what support do I need in my role
- how the Physician Associate role improves patient care

15.40 Question and answers, followed by tea

16.00 Recruiting and supporting Physician Associates

Karen Roberts Physician Associate Director for Recertification
Faculty of Physician Associates The Royal College of Physicians
Chair UK PA National Examination

- recruiting and supporting physician associates: where to start
- the support physician associates will need in the role
- the limits of practice
- career development and looking forward

16.30 Physicians Associates: Education and Competence

Professor James McLay

Senior Lecturer (Clinical)
University of Aberdeen

- developing the education and training programme for Physician Associates
- competency development
- modelling prospective PA numbers
- tips for aspiring Physician Associates

17.00 Question and answers, followed by close

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