

A Practical Guide to Developing the Role of the Physician Associate

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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 2015

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 organization, how the demonstrated benefits of the role can support your service and improve patient care. The conference will also look at developing the role of the Physicians 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 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 2015

“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, May 2015

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10.00 Chairman's Introduction

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

10.10 Developing the role of the Physician Associate

Teresa Dowling
Physician Associate & President
The Faculty of Physician Associates

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

10.50 Regulation and development of Physician Associates

Jeannie Watkins
Physician Associate & Director for Regulation and Legislation
Faculty of Physician Associates at the Royal College of Physicians

- moving forward to statutory registration and regulation
- the Physician Associate is an essential, and complementary part of the future workforce
- which areas of the service would best suit their skills?
- what are the differences between Physician Associates and Advanced Clinical Practitioners?
- developing the role: prescribing powers for Physicians Associates?
- will there be a system of revalidation for Physicians Associates
- moving forward

11.20 Question and answers, followed by coffee and exhibition

11.50 EXTENDED INTERACTIVE SESSION: The Physician Associate Expansion Programme

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

- 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 Associates training programmes in order to meet the needs of their local health communities
- post qualification competency development and monitoring
- the role of the Physician Associates in Hillingdon Hospitals
- Interactive Discussion

13.00 Question and answers, followed by lunch and exhibition

Physician Associates: Case studies in practice

13.45 Developing the role of the Physician Associate in Hospitals

Dr Gordon Wood
Medical Director, with Physician Associate
George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust

- a day in the life of a Physician Associate
- developing the role: utilizing Physician Associates in practice
- how the role fits within the multi-disciplinary team
- supporting physicians associates: the Medical and Clinical Directors role
- the potential role of Physician Associate

14.15 Developing the role of the Physician Associate in general practice

Karen Roberts
Physician Associate Director for Recertification
Faculty of Physician Associates
Chair UK PA National Examination

- 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:
Amy Tullin *Physician Associate,*
Epsom and St Helier University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Karen Roberts MSc, PA-C/R *Physician Associate Director for Recertification* Faculty of Physician Associates The Royal College of Physicians, *Chair UK PA National Examination*
Neil Howie *Physician Associate Haresfield Medical Practice, Senior Lecturer & Admissions Tutor MSc Physician Associate course University of Worcester*

- 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 and exhibition

16.00 Physician Associates: education and competence

Prof Jim Parle
GP Academic & Physician Associate Course Director
University of Birmingham

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

16.30 Tips and advice for Physician Associates

Peter Jenkins
Lecturer in Physician Associate Studies, University of Wolverhampton & Physician Associate, The Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust & Gnosall Medical Centre

- advice for aspiring Physician Associates
- how to prepare for the role including interview planning
- primary v secondary care: how the role differs
- tips for aspiring Physician Associates

17.00 Question and answers, followed by close

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