

SNAPSHOT OF A
CANADIAN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
in Emergency Medicine



HOW LONG ARE SHIFTS?

Shift Work for PAs in the ER

4 shifts per week, 9-10 hours/shift



WHAT DO PAs DO IN THE ER?

Patient Assessment & Management

History, Physical Exam, Interpreting Investigations, Diagnosis & Management, Discharge & Referrals.



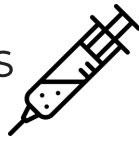
Diagnostic & Therapeutic Procedures



SUTURING



PARACENTESIS,
THORACENTESIS
INCISION &
DRAINAGE, AND
LUMBAR PUNCTURES



CASTING &
SPLINTING



REDUCING
FRACTURES &
DISLOCATIONS



ASSISTING WITH
RESUSCITATIONS
+ MORE!

Most Common ER Complaints:

MSK Pain, Shortness of
Breath, Chest & Abdominal Pain

IMPACT OF PAs

Benefits of Having PAs in the ER



IMPROVED PATIENT
FLOW & THRUPTUT



PA/NP TEAMS TO COVER
ED IN BUSIEST TIMES

SHORTER WAIT TIMES

IMPROVED MD WORKLOAD
& PATIENT CARE



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