

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

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## WHAT PAS ARE



### PAS ARE ADVANCED PRACTICE CLINICIANS WHO...

...see and assess patients, take histories, perform physical exams, interpret investigations, formulate plans & educate patients under physician supervision.

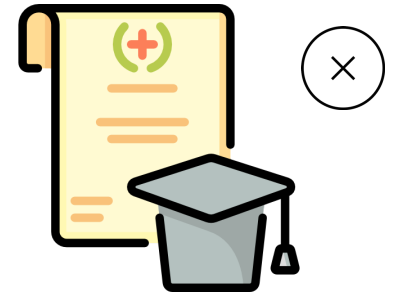
...see consults and follow-ups, as well as perform procedures and assist in surgery.



## WHAT PAS ARE NOT

### PAS ARE **NOT** TRAINING TO BECOME DOCTORS

Although PAs are trained in the same medical model as doctors - PAs are **NOT** physicians. PAs are also not junior doctors, residents, fellows or medical students.



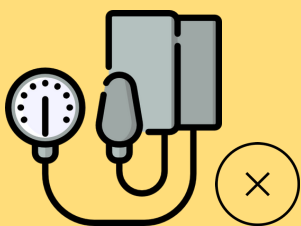
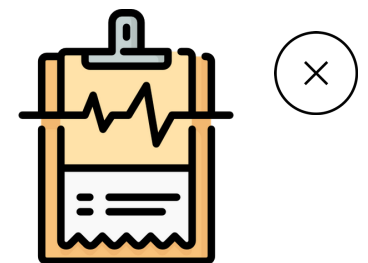
### PAS ARE **NOT** NURSES

Nurses are trained in the nursing model. PAs do not have the same clinical responsibilities as nurses, neither do they compete for nursing jobs.

PAs are more similar to Nurse Practitioners than they are to Nurses.

### PAS ARE **NOT** MEDICAL SCRIBES

PAs are not medical scribes. PAs do perform clinical assessments, can diagnose and also complete medical documentation & dictations on patients they see.



### PAS ARE **NOT** SECRETARIES

PAs are not medical receptionists, administrative assistants, and do not "go in to take a blood pressure".

PAs are **NOT** Admin Assistants or Medical Assistants

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