



# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

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## WHAT IS A PA?

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### PAS ARE ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS WHO...

...practice medicine. PAs see and assess patients, order & interpret investigations, formulate treatment plans, prescribe medications, perform procedures and can assist in surgery. They do so in collaboration with a supervising physician.



## 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

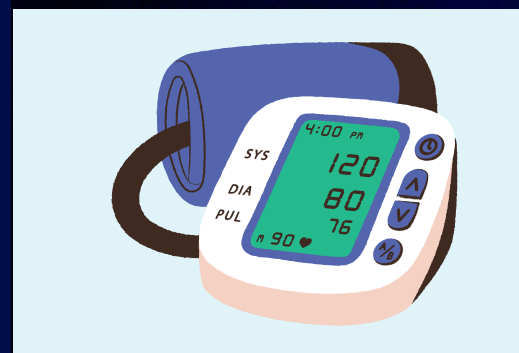


Nurses are trained in the nursing model, while PAs are trained in the medical model. PAs do not have the same clinical responsibilities as nurses. PAs do **NOT** compete for nursing jobs. PAs work as physician extenders..



### 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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