

# AAPA RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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## Latest AAPA Publications

Thanks to your survey responses, we can include the latest data in our research reports, publications, News Central articles, and extended data briefs.

Read about 2024's [Highest Paying Specialties in the PA Profession](#) in our latest New Central.

Be on the lookout for the 2025 Salary Report .pdf later this summer and add the [Digital Salary Report page](#) to your bookmarks!

4 in 10 PAs indicated they were currently using AI in their clinical practice, work setting, or primary employer. Learn more about PAs and Emerging Healthcare Technology [here](#).

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## PAs Going Beyond: Primary Care Perceptions

In this “PAs Going Beyond” spotlight, we talked to Sarah Jane Garvick MS, MPAS, PA-C, a co-author on a [recent study](#) using semi structured interviews to evaluate public perception about various types of primary care providers.

Q: What prompted you to embark on this research?

A: In most of my clinical experience, especially in primary care, patient access to Advanced Practice Providers (APPs)- which includes PAs- has been excellent, but access to physicians (MD/DO) is often limited. It is important to understand the perception of PAs so that we can better serve our patient populations, and they feel completely cared for.

Q: What changes have you made to your clinical practice as a result of this work?

A: For patients who are hesitant to see a PA, my collaborating physician introduces me and makes a point to share how I will help care for them when he is not available. While this may seem unnecessary and take some of my time, I believe it helps to have physicians advocating for the PA profession in real time. When patients know that they are cared for by a qualified team, they often feel even more supported than if they had only a single physician.

Q: What advice would you offer to PAs who are interested in pursuing this type of work within their own practice?

A: Holding informational sessions for your patients where the PA is the lead presenter shows that PAs are trained, educated, and committed to high quality care. Don't be afraid to use social media to promote what PAs in your practice are capable of!

## Funding Opportunities

There is still time to apply for the AAPA Small Research Grants. The submission cycle closes July 27. Learn more about AAPA and external funding opportunities [here](#).



## ePosters at AAPA 2025

AAPA 2025 showcased research projects by PAs and PA students with poster presentations on workforce, education, clinical, and quality improvement topics. Top student posters received awards from JAAPA. Congratulations to this year's winners and watch out for next year's submission call opening in December!

### Related links:

[ePosters since 2020](#)

[JAAPA Collections](#)

[CME \(RIA and Rounds\)](#)

[Research Events at AAPA Conference](#)

## Research Connections

Join us for our quarterly networking sessions. Whether you're a seasoned researcher or curious and eager to explore, this session provides a platform to exchange ideas, share insights, and forge valuable collaborations.

[Click here](#) to register in advance for June 26, September 25, and December 11!

### Related links:

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## Newest research on the PA Profession

PA researchers are invited to participate in written interviews with members of our Research team. Recently submitted interesting data? Won a small research grant? Share your insights on the successes and challenges of gathering data, filling knowledge gaps, and why research is paramount to the PA profession.

### Here are a few articles we think you should see:

The article "What If...The Impact of Institutional Accreditation on PA Programs Transitioning to an Entry-Level Professional Doctorate Degree" by Jennifer A. Snyder and Anthony Miller, discusses the impact of institutional accreditation on PA programs transitioning to an entry-level professional doctorate degree. Read more [here](#).

The study "Physician assistants as primary investigators: options for advancing your career through clinical research" by Caitlin Arnone explores what is needed for PAs to become principal investigators and the need to advocate for this career options such as those in clinical research. Read the study [here](#).

