



PA Specialty Career Guide

Welcome to AAPA's Career Guide!

Here, you'll find exclusive resources, tips and tools you need to understand what it takes to navigate within, or across, various specialties.



EMERGENCY MEDICINE



Emergency Medicine is a fast-paced, multi-discipline, procedure heavy specialty.

If you are a PA considering this field or looking for information on how to obtain different experience within this field, here's some critical information you should know.



Within the PA profession, 9% of PAs report working in Emergency Medicine, across a variety settings.



General Information

Emergency Medicine

Below is a makeup of PAs working in Emergency Medicine, within the following categories:

Employer Type

- Hospital: 51%
- Physician practice: 32%
- Government: 2%
- Self-employed or independent contractor: 4%

Work Setting

- Hospital: 95%
- Physician Office/Clinic: 2%
- Urgent care center: 2%



Job Titles

- Physician Assistant (PA): 63%
- Advanced Practice Provider (APP): 23%
- Lead PA/APP: 8%
- Chief PA/APP: 1%
- Director: 1%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Clinical Practice Demographics of Full-time (32+ hours) PAs in EM:

Median hours worked weekly	38 hours
Median patients seen per week	60
Median years of clinical experience as a PA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14% (0 – 1 year)• 23% (2 – 4 years)• 27% (5 – 9 years)• 15% (10 – 14 years)• 9% (15 – 19 years)• 13% (20+ years)
Percent who perform Telemedicine	18%
Percent of PAs' patient panel by group:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8% Infants• 12% Children• 25% Adolescents• 40% Adults• 15% Seniors
Prescriptions written weekly	48



PATIENT CARE & COMPENSATION

Patient care list

- ✓ Emergency resuscitation
- ✓ Placing intravenous lines
- ✓ Thoroughly examining patients
- ✓ Stabilize the patient for transport
- ✓ Effectively treating less serious injuries, such as broken bones or lacerations

Indirect patient care list

- ✓ Collecting medical histories
- ✓ Drawing conclusions and order tests
- ✓ Deciding on appropriate courses of treatment
- ✓ Determining if patients need to be admitted to the hospital for further evaluation

Compensation of Full-time (32+ hours)

- ❑ \$116,000 (*salary, hourly, and productivity pay combined*)
- ❑ 55% of Emergency Medicine PAs report receiving a bonus
 - ❑ \$8,000 annual bonus

Career Interests

- ❑ 70% Clinical
- ❑ 30% Leadership
- ❑ 20% Research

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CME, JOBS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Education/CME

- [Degree Pathways](#)
- [Conference on Demand 2019: Emergency Medicine CME*](#)
- [Rapid Response: The Approach to the Acutely Ill Patient](#) *
- [Empathetics Bundle](#)
- [Empathetics: Delivering Bad News](#)
- [Breakthrough Seizures, Clusters and Emergencies: Can These Be Prevented or Stopped and How?](#) *

Job Opportunities

- [Trauma & Emergency General Surgery Advanced Practitioner](#) *
- Physician Assistant Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Leadership Development

- [Leadership Academy: The Succession Plan for Building Leaders](#)
- [PA/NP Workforce: Trends & Impact](#)

**Looking to leave
Emergency
Medicine and
switch specialties?**

Check out some great educational resources to help build your knowledge in different specialties:
[Changing Specialties*](#)

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**specific to Emergency Medicine*

AAPA PRODUCTS & EXTERNAL RESOURCES

AAPA Products/Resources

- [PA Portfolio](#)
- [PA Burnout](#)
- [Salary Report](#)

Articles/Issue Briefs

- [A Day or Night in the Life of an Emergency Medicine Fellow*](#)
- [How to Help Provide Emergency Disaster Services*](#)
- [PAs and Team Practice](#)
- [PA Scope of Practice](#)
- [PAs and OPAs: The Distinctions](#)
- [PAs and Practice Ownership](#)
- [PA Education](#)
- [PA Prescribing](#)
- [Third-Party Reimbursement for PAs](#)
- [Antitrust Implications of Negotiating with Third-Party Payers](#)

External Resources

- [SEMPA: Society of Emergency Medicine PAs*](#)

Network with other PAs!

AAPA membership can help you connect with PA students, PAs, and potential employers. Check out a few options:

- [Annual conference](#)
- [State PA Chapters](#)
- [Specialty Organization](#)
- [Huddle](#)