



Updated National PA Research Agenda

In 2011, AAPA, in conjunction with leading experts in PA research, developed the National PA Research Agenda. This document was designed to guide research, with a focus on priorities for AAPA. In 2017, AAPA revisited the AAPA Research Agenda with a goal of creating a broader document that would guide all research on the PA profession.

The development of AAPA National PA Research Agenda not only outlines the strategic direction and priority areas for future PA research but also serves as a platform for all PA researchers and research leaders across the PA profession to bring together in one stage and conduct systematic PA focused research in a coordinated manner.

2019 Summary of the PA Research Agenda

Research Topics	Pillar
High Priority	
Cost-Effectiveness of PAs	PA Value
Patient Outcomes ^{NEW}	PA Value
Access to Care	PA Value
PA Supply and Demand	PA Workforce
PA Workforce Composition	PA Workforce
PA Readiness to Practice ^{NEW}	PA Workforce
Medium Priority	
Understanding PA Roles ^{NEW}	PA Roles
Healthcare Team Outcomes	PA Roles
Healthcare Team Dynamics	PA Roles
Patient Safety	PA Value
PA Doctorates ^{NEW}	PA Education
Clinical Sites and Preceptors ^{NEW}	PA Education
PA Work Settings ^{NEW}	PA Roles
Low Priority	
PA Career Flexibility	PA Workforce
Expansion of PA Roles	PA Roles
PA Specialization	PA Workforce
Impact of Regulation on PA Education	PA Education
Defining Quality PA Education	PA Education
Patient Satisfaction	PA Value
Cost of Education	PA Education