



# AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PAs

Founded in 1968, the American Academy of PAs is the national professional society for PAs. It represents a profession of more than 108,500 certified PAs across all medical and surgical specialties in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the majority of the U.S. territories and the uniformed services.

AAPA advocates and educates on behalf of the profession and the patients PAs serve. We work to ensure the professional growth, personal excellence and recognition of PAs. We also enhance their ability to improve the quality, accessibility and cost-effectiveness of patient-centered healthcare.

Visit [www.aapa.org](http://www.aapa.org) to learn more about the profession and [www.pasconnect.org](http://www.pasconnect.org) to see PAs in action.

## AAPA LEADERSHIP

Many of the Academy's functions are handled by its elected and appointed volunteers. The Board of Directors is AAPA's governing body, while the House of Delegates is AAPA's policymaking body. The Student Academy of AAPA and the PA Foundation each have their own respective boards and committees.

## CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

- There are 56 chapters representing the interest of PAs in 50 states, the District of Columbia and the federal services.
- AAPA helps support the missions of 27 PA medical specialty organizations, eight caucuses and 19 special interest groups.
- Constituent organizations have access to organizational benefits, support from AAPA leaders and staff, as well as organizational development programs.

## OUR VISION

PAs transforming health through patient-centered, team-based medical practice.

## OUR MISSION

AAPA leads the profession and empowers our members to advance their careers and enhance patient health.

## OUR VALUES

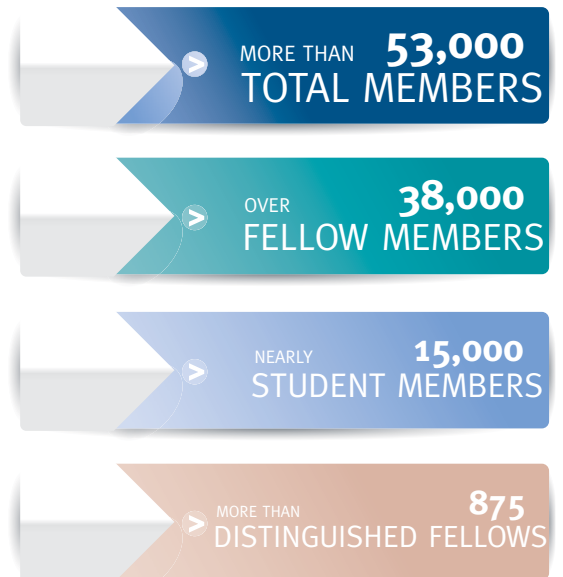
- **Leadership and Service:** We inspire a shared vision to lead the profession, emphasize service to our members and enhance the ability of PAs to serve patients and their communities.
- **Unity and Teamwork:** We embrace the strength of our members and constituent and partner organizations to speak with one voice for the profession and work together to transform health.
- **Accountability and Transparency:** We listen, deliver results, take ownership for our actions and operate in an environment of openness and trust.
- **Excellence and Equity:** We commit to the highest standards and seek to eliminate disparities and barriers to quality healthcare.

## MEMBER SERVICES

- **Advocacy and Government relations**—AAPA’s advocacy staff works with policymakers and third-party payers at both the national and state levels to eliminate barriers to PA practice so PAs can deliver quality healthcare.
- **Reimbursement**—AAPA reimbursement staff work diligently on behalf of PAs to ensure that insurance companies and Medicare and Medicaid cover PA-provided medical and surgical services.
- **Professional Practice**—The professional practice staff works with PAs on issues such as credentialing, privileging, Joint Commission and liability insurance to secure professional standing and enable PAs to focus on patient care.
- **Education**—AAPA offers an array of CME opportunities, from live CME events, to on-demand CME, to e-learning modules. In Learning Central, you can choose from a catalog of more than 400 online CME activities and customize your learning curriculum.
- **Public Awareness Building**—AAPA actively promotes the value of PAs to patients, physicians and the general public through comprehensive marketing and communications campaigns.
- **Research**—In partnership with PA-focused organizations, AAPA collects data annually on the profession and analyzes and publishes its findings. These include the AAPA Salary Report, Career ComPAnion and state-by-state profiles of PA practice.
- **Publications**—AAPA delivers quality information for and about PAs through many publications, including PA Professional and the Journal of AAPA.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- **AAPA Annual Conference**—PAs connect with thousands of their colleagues and PA students at the profession’s preeminent educational and networking event.
- **National PA Week**—Celebrated every year from October 6 to 12, National PA Week promotes public awareness of the PA profession and salutes the PA workforce.
- **AAPA Leadership and Advocacy Summit**—The PA profession’s premier event for leadership development and organizational management training with an opportunity to participate in federal advocacy and earn CME.



At LAS, PAs and PA students gain knowledge and skills to shape the future of the profession.