Research in Action
Schedule of Events

Sunday, May 19, 2019

8:00 to 8:25 am  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Presented by Noël Smith

In their welcome remarks, AAPA will unveil the updated PA Research Agenda. Find out what this means to AAPA, the greater research community, and how to make it applicable to you.

8:30 to 8:55 am  Optimization of Advance Practice Provider (APP) Patient Load in the ICU
Presented by David Carpenter

Advanced Practice Providers are frequently used for 24/7 coverage in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). There is wide variance in patient load and the optimal number of patients per provider is unknown. This study looks at optimization of patient loads across several ICUs.

9:00 to 9:25 am  Israeli Doctors’ Survey of the First PA Students
Presented by Oren Berkowitz

A survey of Israeli ED doctors regarding their attitudes around the clinical contributions and scope of practice of new PA students from the first class of PAs in Israel.

9:30 to 9:55 am  How important is diversity to students when choosing a physician assistant program?
Presented by Cynthia X. Yuen

PA programs are the linchpin of endeavors to increase the diversity of the profession. To inform efforts to recruit more diverse students, this study investigated whether and how much program diversity matters to PA students with different demographic profiles.

10:00 to 10:25 am  iBreath. An education Intervention to Improve Lung Health In Uganda
Presented by Gerald Kayingo

In this poster, we discuss the development, implementation and preliminary outcomes from an integrated respiratory medicine training program for primary health care clinicians (iBreath) in Uganda.

10:30 to 10:55 am  Bowel bladder dysfunction diagnosis and treatment: Should primary care providers be doing more?
Presented by John F Buczek and Ranya A Hamdan

Bowel-Bladder Dysfunction (BBD) accounts for up to 40% of referrals to pediatric urology. There is a lack of association between lower urinary tract symptoms and constipation, which accounts for premature referrals to a tertiary center before a thorough workup is completed at the primary care level.

11:00 to 11:25 am  Onboarding Programs for Primary Care Physician Assistants
Presented by Perri A. Morgan

To address the persistent challenge of recruiting and retaining primary care clinicians, we interview leaders of onboarding programs to identify components and considerations for onboarding for PAs, with a focus on PAs in primary care in underserved settings.

11:30 to 11:55 am  Investigating Increased Mortality in Female Acute Myocardial Infarction Across Emergency Medicine Providers
Presented by Christina Ventura-DiPersia

We surveyed emergency medicine providers to assess potential practice bias by gender in patients. Provider age, gender, and years of experience practicing in emergency medicine were not associated.
1:00 to 1:25 pm  Do Physician Assistant State License Applications Create a Barrier to Mental Health Treatment?
Presented by Harrison Reed

Medical professionals often fear the backlash of disclosing mental health conditions on license applications. This study examines how PA state license applications ask about the mental health of applicants.

1:30 to 1:55 pm  The Buprenorphine Team: A PA-Led Program Linking Hospitalized Patients with Opioid Use Disorder to Community Providers
Presented by Richard Bottner

We present The Buprenorphine Team, an interprofessional PA-Led consultation service that works to screen and start appropriate patients on buprenorphine therapy, facilitate linkage with outpatient clinics, and provide education in an effort to reduce stigma about opioid use disorders (OUD).

2:00 to 3:25 pm  Burnout, Emotional Distress, and Self-Reported Medical Errors within the PA Profession
Presented by Sarah Blackstone

The results of the present research indicate that burnout plays a stronger role in job satisfaction than symptoms of depression and anxiety. The research on medical errors, while statistically significant, warrants further research before conclusions may be made.

2:30 to 2:55 pm  British PAs in 2019: results of the annual PA census
Presented by Tamara S. Ritsema

PAs have been educated in the UK for more than 10 years and the profession is growing. We will present data from the 2018 PA census characterizing the UK PA profession. A UK-trained PA will augment the data with a brief narrative of his personal experience as the first PA on his service.

3:00 to 3:25 pm  Towards Earlier Identification: Clinicians’ Perceptions of their Ability to Identify, Diagnose, and Refer Patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Presented by Denise Rizzolo

This study explored PAs’ abilities to diagnosis patients with ASD. Few PAs are talking with caregivers about a variety of behavioral concerns, not just ASD. PAs’ rated their current skills ASD skills lower than their desired, suggesting a desire to become more adept at meeting patients’ needs.

3:30 to 3:55 pm  Public Perceptions of Quality of Experience with Physician Assistants and Factors Important in Selecting a Healthcare Provider
Presented by Andrzej Kozikowski and Dawn Morton-Rias

The primary objective of the present study was to assess how public perceptions of quality of experience with Physician Assistants vary based on particular demographic characteristics and to investigate factors important for participants in selecting a healthcare provider.