Illinois Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants

The ISDPA is organized to promote the professional and personal development of Physician Assistants in the State of Illinois in the practice of quality, cost-effective, and accessible health care in the medical specialty of dermatology. The ISDPA will also promote the Physician/PA relationship of the health care team in the practice of patient centered medical care.

Dermatology PAs are the fastest growing specialty in America. Find out what it means to be a dermatology PA as we take you behind the scenes of some of today’s top dermatology PAs as they talk about their education, challenges and passion for the work they do every day.

Physician assistants (PAs) in dermatology play a number of varied and vital roles, reflecting many facets of the field. From patient care and education, to skin surgery, treatment of chronic skin conditions, and cosmetic procedures, PAs are dynamic and flexible members of the medical team. Adaptable and versatile, they complement the work of their supervising physicians, making the practice of dermatology more flexible and responsive to the needs of patients and dermatologists. PAs practice medicine with physician supervision and have the authority to diagnose and treat patients with a scope of practice and those medical duties that are within the physician’s scope of practice and the PA’s training and experience as allowed by law. After graduation, PAs are required to pass the national certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) before they can practice. To maintain certification, PAs must complete 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years and take a recertification examination every six years.

All states, the District of Columbia, and Guam regulate PAs. In those 42 jurisdictions and in federal agencies, physicians may delegate to PAs those medical duties that are within the physician’s scope of practice and the PA’s training and experience as allowed by law. After graduation, PAs are required to pass the national certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) before they can practice. To maintain certification, PAs must complete 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years and take a recertification examination every six years.

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Categories of Membership

FELLOW
A Physician Assistant who practices full or part-time in dermatology and is supervised by a Board Certified Dermatologist.

ASSOCIATE
A Physician Assistant who does not work in dermatology but who wishes to or has a keen interest in dermatology.

AFFILIATE
Health professionals or individuals employed by government agencies who do not qualify for any other membership category, who have an interest in dermatology and desire to be affiliated with the ISDPA.

STUDENT
A Student enrolled in a CAHA, CAAHEP or successor agency approved program, or and AAPA approved program.

The ISDPA Mission Statement

- Establish and maintain a representative organization and forum for physician assistants who practice or have an interest in the medical specialty of dermatology.
- Develop, sponsor and evaluate continuing medical or medically related education programs for the physician assistant.
- Serve as a public information center and educate the medical community, health professionals and the public regarding physician assistants in dermatology.
- Promote the academic and clinical training of physician assistants in dermatology.
- Serve as a scientific research and educational resource for its members and other health care professionals.
- Assist in the development of published articles in appropriate professional journals, and dermatology.
- Participate in the development of academic and clinical training programs of physician assistants.

The Best Reasons to Join the ISDPA

Benefits

- No Membership Fee for the first year of Membership
- Effective representation promoting Dermatology Physician Assistant’s interests to our Physician colleagues
- Opportunity to inform the public of what the role of Dermatology PAs is to them in the medical community
- Stay informed about advanced Dermatology and CME opportunities
- Access to Dermatology PA job listings

Future Benefits

- Philanthropy / Volunteervise
- Miles for Melanoma 5K Run/Walk
- Walk to Cure Psoriasis
- Sun Smarts skin cancer screenings

Events

There is an Annual CME Conference as well as many other opportunities for education and professional development through the quarterly journal club, the yearly Holiday networking Event and industry speaker programs throughout the year, including these recent programs:

- “Current Treatment Approaches for Acte” presented by Dr. James Del Rosso
- “An Introduction and Provision of Prescribing Information for a New Medication” presented by Dr. Michael Bukhals
- “Factors to Consider in the Diagnosis and Management of Chronic Idiopathic Urti- cania” presented by Dr. Gary Goldenberg

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Affiliated Associations

- Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants
- Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants
- American Academy of Dermatology
- American Academy of Dermatology
- National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
- Pre-PA Students Shadowing Opportunities: PA Shadow Online

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