

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE



IT'S A GROWING PROFESSION

Physician associates (PA's) are a vital part of the hospital team today, and their numbers have grown steadily since the role was first introduced into UK hospitals in 2003.



TRAINED IN THE MEDICAL MODEL

PA's take histories, carry out examinations, formulate diagnoses, perform practical procedures, devise management plans and provide advice to patients and their families.



PA'S OFTEN ACT AS MENTORS

PA's (who tend to be employed in permanent posts) act as mentors for many doctors passing through on short rotations who might need someone with experience of ward life to offer advice and answer the questions they have.



EVERYONE IN THE TEAM BENEFITS FROM HAVING THEM AROUND

Research shows that PA's help reduce the numbers of colleagues experiencing burnout, they enhance team dynamics, they increase the level of continuity of care and boost patient satisfaction.

(Chenevert and Bascombe, 2021)

