

We have Physician Associates students training here

Physician associates (PAs) are relatively new health professionals within the NHS that you may not have come across before. PAs work alongside doctors both in hospitals and in GP surgeries providing support in the diagnosis and management of patients.

PAs are able to:

- ❖ Take your medical history and discuss your medical conditions
- ❖ Perform an examination
- ❖ Undertake procedures
- ❖ Diagnose and treat conditions
- ❖ Discuss your care

As students, physician associates have to complete clinical placements in General Practice. They also undertake training in Hospitals, so you may also encounter them there.

If you would prefer not to be seen by a physician associate student or have them present during your consultation with the GP or nurse then please let the receptionist know.

If you are seen by a physician associate student you will then be seen by a qualified member of staff prior to leaving the surgery.



The Kent, Surrey and Sussex School of Physician Associates, based at East Surrey Hospital, provides ongoing support to qualified PAs working in the region, PA employers and supervisors, our local Universities who train PAs and their PA students.

If you have any questions about the role please ask your physician associate during the consultation or speak to your GP.

For further information about physician associates please visit:

www.surreyandsussex.nhs.uk/kss-schoolofpas
www.fparcp.co.uk