



THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
ENDOCRINE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS



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ASEPA MISSION STATEMENT

The American Society of Endocrine Physician Assistants (ASEPA) is a professional medical organization dedicated to Endocrine education and the advancement of Physician Assistants in Endocrinology to provide increased access to quality patient care.

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The American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) recognized ASEPA as a specialty constituent organization in 2000. In 2005, ASEPA gained recognition from the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists as an Endocrine Related Sister Society. With the current and future projected nationwide shortages of board certified endocrinologist, ASEPA will continue to partner with endocrine related organizations to help resolve these concerning projections.

ENDOCRINE PAs IN PRACTICE

Physician Assistants train under the medical model similar to that of physicians. Students spend at least twelve months in didactic studies followed by a second year of clinical rotations. Since PAs train as generalists they can adapt to the demands of any specialty practice and provide care as their supervising physician delegates.

Endocrine PAs perform initial consultations and follow-ups in hospital and outpatient settings. In addition to routine endocrine care, they may also conduct bone densitometry, thyroid biopsies, thyroid ultrasounds, insulin pump starts, research, and other tasks. PAs must practice within the scope of practice of their supervising physician. They have prescriptive authority and in many states DEA privileges. Services provided by PAs are reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance companies. Endocrine PAs have a sound history of increasing revenue (cost-effective), while affording the endocrinologist a better quality of life by easing physician workload while allowing for practice expansion. PAs very often boost patient satisfaction.

ADVOCATES OF ENDOCRINE PAs

Thomas C. Jones, MD, FACE

Founder and Director of the Jones Center for Endocrinology and Wellness, Macon, GA

“Being in practice as a solo endocrinologist for 29 years, I have found it quite challenging to recruit another board certified endocrinologist to join my practice. I hired my first physician assistant 13 years ago. Our practice now employs three physician assistants who have been trained to provide excellent comprehensive disease management to patients with endocrine disorders. Using physician assistants has enhanced my reputation in our community and increased our revenue. Their participation and dedication has decreased my level of stress in an expanding and demanding practice of endocrinology.”

Bill Law Jr., MD, FACP, FACE

Past President

American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists

“We have incorporated PAs into our consultative Endocrinology practice since 2005 and have been extremely pleased with the excellent quality of care delivered and the high level of satisfaction expressed by patients who have received principal care of their

endocrine / metabolic condition from our PAs. It is impossible to Endocrinologists to personally manage the care of the rapidly growing number of patients with the train a sufficient number of dysmetabolic syndrome. Extensive incorporation of PAs into this delivery model, under the tutelage and supervision of formally trained endocrinology specialists, offers the opportunity to significantly increase the number of Americans that can benefit from specialty – level care for this devastating constellation of problems”.

Dan Einhorn, MD, FACP, FACE

Past President

American Association of Clinical Endocrinologist,

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“Endocrine specialties have a unique challenge; there not enough of us to meet an explosive demand. My physician assistant and colleague of over 15 years and I have me this challenge together. He knows diabetes and thyroid as well as anyone anywhere and has lectured to endocrine and PCP audiences throughout the US. Physicians around us refer to him as they would to me, knowing they will get the ultimate in endocrine specialty advice. For complex diabetes issues like pumps and continuous glucose monitors, he’s the real expert. At this time, there are not enough endocrinologists. Physician Assistants, trained in endocrinology, are critical to the future. I look forward to greater collaboration between AACE and ASEPA.

John Buse, MD, PhD

Chief, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism; Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Research, Professor, UNC;

Past President, Medicine & Science, American Diabetes Association

“In an era where there are huge manpower shortages in the endocrinology community, PAs can do a great deal to help plug the gap. PAs have become an integral part of our clinical research and clinical programs. Most unexpectedly, they can even provide an extra dimension to practice when they bring complementary skill; our first PA had spent his entire career working in orthopedic surgery and really stepped up our practice’s ability to deal with the shoulder, hand, and foot complications of diabetes.”

THE VALUE OF ASEPA MEMBERSHIP

- ASEPA is the voice of PAs in Endocrinology for the AAPA

- Members receive subscriptions to *Clinical Endocrinology News*, *Endocrine Today* and *Diabetes Vital* Magazines
- *Diabetes Health Monitor* for Patients
- Members receive discounted rates to exclusive conferences such as AACE, Cardiometabolic Health Congress and World Congress on Insulin Resistance, Diabetes, and Cardiovascular Disease
- Annual lists of other ASEPA members useful for networking
- Access to job postings for positions within the endocrine community
- Merchant discounts for on-line CME and medical merchandise



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