

HP-3800.00 PROFESSION – QUALITY ASSURANCE

HP-3800.1.0 General

HP-3800.1.1

AAPA believes that every PA is responsible for the delivery of cost-effective, accessible, quality health care. Patients should receive care that is safe from injury, is consistent with current knowledge and best practices, and is responsive to patient values and expectations. Physician assistants should be active participants in evaluating and improving the quality of care in their settings. PAs should ensure that care provided to patients is timely, patient-centered, evidence-based, accountable, continuously improving, and interdisciplinary.
[Adopted 2003]

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AAPA believes that effective peer-review is an essential part of quality health care. AAPA encourages the development and maintenance of voluntary and professionally directed peer-review. The membership is encouraged to actively participate in any peer review process involving the review of physician assistants.
[Adopted 1997, reaffirmed 2002, amended 2007]

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AAPA believes that physician assistants should honorably conduct their professional duties and that judgment of their performance should be done by peers who utilize good faith peer-review practices.
[Adopted 1990, amended 1991 and 2001, reaffirmed 1996 and 2006]

HP-3800.2.0 Liability/Risk Management

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[Medical Liability Reform and U.S. Health Care](#) (PP tab 32)
[Adopted 2004]

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[Acknowledging and Apologizing for Adverse Outcomes](#) (PP tab 46)
[Adopted 2007]

HP-3900.00 PA Health

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The AAPA believes that physician assistants and other health care workers, including students, who might be at risk of contact with infected blood or other body fluids must be afforded all available and practical protection to assure a low level of personal risk of occupational infection. Employers should establish procedures to ensure that standard precautions and all other applicable infection control measures are enforced and that educational programs covering proper infection control procedures are available for all health care workers. Employers should ensure that timely post-exposure counseling and prophylaxis, in accordance with relevant CDC and OSHA guidelines, are available to health care workers, including students, after an exposure.
[Adopted 2006]

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To preserve the quality of their performance, physician assistants have a responsibility to maintain their own health and wellness, including mental health, by preventing and treating acute and chronic disease including mental illness, disabilities and occupational stress.
[Adopted 2006]

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AAPA strongly recommends that all physician assistants be appropriately vaccinated per the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
[Adopted 1992 and amended 2003]