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The Faculty of Physician Associates (FPA) provides professional support to both qualified and student physician associates across the UK.

The FPA oversees and administers the running of the Physician Associate Managed Voluntary Register (PAMVR) and is campaigning to achieve statutory regulation of the profession.



What are physician associates?

Physician associates are collaborative healthcare professionals with a generalist medical education, who work alongside doctors providing medical care as an integral part of the multidisciplinary team. Physician associates are dependent practitioners working with a dedicated supervisor, but are able to work autonomously with appropriate support.

How can they help physicians and the NHS?

Physician associates increase the numbers within the medical workforce, helping to reduce the workloads of different members of the team by providing quality care for patients. They bring new talent to the NHS and add to the skill mix within teams.

While doctor and surgeon trainees rotate through different specialties, physician associates offer continuity and stability both for patients and for the team in which they work. Physician associate support also provides cover so that trainee doctors can attend training, clinic or theatre.

How do physician associates fit into the NHS workforce?

Physician associates' ability to practise medicine is enabled by collaboration and supportive working relationships with their clinical supervisors, meaning that there is always someone who can discuss cases, give advice, and attend to patients if necessary.

Physician associates can be found working in primary and secondary care across the UK.

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