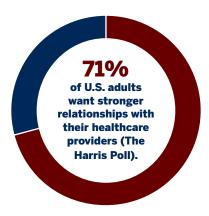
PA Title Change



Why are physician assistants (PAs) seeking a title change to physician associate?

- Navigating today's healthcare system can be challenging and frustrating for patients.
- Excellent healthcare starts with a human connection and strong personal relationships.
- PAs know that establishing trust and building a strong relationship with our patients begins with the patient's understanding of our clinical expertise and role on the medical team.

That's why PAs support evolving the profession's title from physician assistant to physician associate.



The Facts on Title Change to Physician Associate (PA)

Rigorously educated at the master's degree level, PAs practice medicine in every specialty and setting. Unfortunately, there is a common misconception among patients that PAs only "assist" physicians when in fact we diagnose, treat, and provide high-quality medical care to patients.

PA Title Change Will...

 Help patients to better understand PAs' education, training, and expertise and their role in healthcare delivery.

PA Title Change Will Not...

• Change what PAs do or impact a PA's scope of practice.

71% of patients surveyed agreed that the title "physician associate" matches the job description of a PA (Kantar).

The PA Commitment to Patients and Their Healthcare Colleagues

PAs remain united with our healthcare colleagues and providers in a shared mission to provide safe and effective care to all patients. We are rooted in our commitment to transforming healthcare in our country through patient-centered, team-based medical practice.

