



# WHAT IS A PA?

## PA stands for Physician Assistant

A PA (Physician Assistant) is a licensed healthcare provider. They are rigorously trained and educated to provide quality healthcare that includes, but not limited to, ordering labs and imaging, diagnosing your illness, and prescribing medications. They work alongside doctors in nearly every specialty to help care for all patients.

### What can a PA do for me?

PA's are qualified to...

- Take medical histories
- Perform physical exams
- Order and read labs and imaging
- Diagnose and treat your illness
- Order medications
- Answer questions about your healthcare
- Perform procedures
- Assist in surgery
- And more, depending on the specialty and doctor they work with!

## Why Should I Schedule with a PA?

- PAs work on a team with your doctor. They can collaborate with your doctor to form the best healthcare plan for you.
- Depending on the office, you may be able to schedule an appointment sooner with a PA.
- PAs are educated in general medicine. They learn to treat the whole patient and take into account all aspects of your health.

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