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September 10th - 13th

2020

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Oregon Society of PAs

Seaside, Oregon

ANNUAL CME CONFERENCE
OSPA'S ANNUAL CME

Last year's event was a huge success! We anticipate 2020 to be even better!

We outgrew Salishan unfortunately, but have found a larger location at Seaside, OR. The Seaside Civic Center has a larger facility with more rooms, tons of family activities in a beautiful, newly renovated facility.

We have secured hotel rooms at 2 hotels located across the street from the civic center. Hotel information and registration can be found on our website events page.

Speaker proposals are being accepted now. If you missed the first announcement, it's not too late. Below is the link to apply.

Check out our conference page for more details on the 2020 conference!
The Oregon Society of Physician Assistants (OSPA) is proposing to update the Physician Assistant (PA) statute to better reflect the current medical business model. OSPA's proposal maintains the physician - PA team-based care that is a hallmark of the PA profession. The bulk of the proposal centers on reducing the onerous and unnecessary administrative burden associated with hiring PAs, which can be especially difficult for smaller and more rural clinics. House Bill 4081 will increase access to care in Oregon by making it easier to hire PAs in clinics and hospitals across the state.

**House Bill 4081:**

- Maintains PA licensure through the Oregon Medical Board (OMB), and PA representation on the OMB.
- Maintains that the requirement that all PAs successfully graduate from an ARC-PA accredited educational program and pass the National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants Physician Assistant National Certification examination in order to be eligible for Oregon licensure.
• Maintains the direct relationship between a PA and a supervising physician or group of supervising physicians, but removes the requirement that a supervising physician apply to the Medical Board, take a test and pay a fee in order to supervise a PA. Supervising physician organizations still must provide a list of providers in the SPO to the OMB.
• Requires that a PA have adequate access to a supervising physician, which can include synchronous and asynchronous technology, based on the condition of the patient and the education and experience of the PA.
• Maintains the requirement to have a signed practice agreement outlining the PA scope, but removes the requirement that it be filed with the Oregon Medical Board and updated every two years. Requires that the practice agreement be kept on file at the PAs primary place of employment and made available to the Oregon Medical Board upon request.
• Removes requirement for minimum chart review and hours of on-site supervision, allowing PAs employers to determine how best to manage their PAs employees.
• Aligns PA prescribing and dispensing requirements with those of a physician.
• Nothing in the policy will prohibit employers from continuing to hire and manage PAs in whatever manner they deem necessary to ensure patient safety.

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Originally from Boise, ID, Alyssa came to Oregon to attend the University of Portland where she received her undergraduate degree in Life Sciences. She moved to Tampa, FL in 2010 to complete her Master’s in Public Health at the University of South Florida. She worked in research for 3 years at Moffitt Cancer Center, including breast cancer genetic screening and colon cancer screening and education studies. She attended Barry University for PA school.

In 2017, she and her 2 cats moved back to the Pacific Northwest to be closer to family. Her first job was at WVP Boulder Creek Clinic as a Family Medicine PA until January 2020. She recently joined South Salem Primary Care, a new private practice clinic in Salem, OR. Outside of work, she enjoys hot yoga, hiking, traveling, basketball and football games, spending time with family and friends, and volunteering with hospice. She is on the board for Marion Polk County Medical Society and the University of Portland Graduates of Last Decade Alumni Board.

**How did your career as a PA start?**

I started at WVP Boulder Creek Clinic as a Family Medicine PA in May 2017. Salem Health purchased the clinic in Fall 2017 which released me from my 5 year contract to decide if I wanted to stay or move. In January 2020, I joined a new private practice clinic in Salem. I am blessed to have many great mentors around me to help during this time of transition.
> **What does your average day at work look like?**

I work 8-5ish, 4 days per week. I see on average 15 patients daily.

> **How did you first hear about OSPA?**

I was involved with the Florida Association of Physician Assistants (FAPA) as a student and was eager to join a local organization as a practicing PA.

> **Why your specialty?**

I chose Family Medicine because I love preventative medicine. Each day, I am challenged and constantly learning. I feel that I am part of my patient’s families and help them navigate the crazy world of healthcare.

> **What is your favorite part about being a PA?**

My favorite part about being a PA is interacting with patients daily and helping them meet their healthcare goals.

> **Any advice for new PAs or PA Students?**

Listen and be present with your patients. I often feel like I don’t know enough which is frustrating, but my patients only care that I listen and follow up with them when I have answers. I also think it is important to get involved in your community. I am involved with formal and informal medical groups in Salem. This helped me make new friends and network with specialists in the area. It is invaluable to have specialists that I can text and ask questions.
Early Careers Committee had a great social event at the Lucky Lab in NW Portland. Many OHSU Students along with some Pacific showed up. There was also a great showing from the community of recently graduated PAs. I hope all that attended had a good time. Please watch for another event in May that will center around Pacific's academic calendar.

If you are a graduate of either OHSU or Pacific in the last 5 years, watch your inbox in the next couple of weeks for an invitation. If you aren't a graduate from either of these two programs and you want to be included on the invitation list, please contact Brian Mills at bmills@childhoodhealth.com and I will make sure you get the information when the event is planned.

Brian Mills, PA-C

President Elect OSPA, Early Committee Chair
We moved, but not far!

OSPA has a brand new Facebook page.

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Volunteer Link is here.