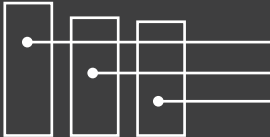





OTP The right prescription for all PAs?

AAPA is proposing a new PA practice model — “optimal team practice” (OTP) — that would eliminate the legal requirement for a PA to have a specific relationship with a collaborating physician. **This is not the right prescription for new graduates.** We need to slow down and consider all the implications of this dramatic change in our profession before acting. PAEA asked the people who know PA education best what OTP might mean for the profession’s pipeline. Our surveys of program directors, medical directors, and past presidents indicate that...

<p>PA EDUCATION DOES NOT CURRENTLY PREPARE GRADUATES FOR OTP</p>	 <p>100% of past presidents 89% of medical directors 86% of program directors AGREE</p>	<p>OTP COULD INCREASE THE LENGTH OF DIDACTIC EDUCATION BY UP TO 2 SEMESTERS</p>
<p>OTP COULD INCREASE THE LENGTH OF CLINICAL EDUCATION BY UP TO 2 SEMESTERS</p>	<p>THE CLINICAL SITE CRISIS COULD BE MADE WORSE</p>  <p>More than 75% of respondents said that current clinical sites could not meet the need for longer clinical training time.</p>	<p>TUITION COULD INCREASE BY</p> <p>25%</p>
<p>PROGRAMS WOULD CONSIDER A CLINICAL DOCTORATE DEGREE</p>  <p>Currently, 3% of programs are considering a doctorate. Under OTP, 53% of programs would consider it.</p>	<p>DIVERSITY COULD BE AFFECTED</p> <p>74% of program directors said that increases in tuition and program duration could lead to a less diverse applicant pool.</p> 	

To read the complete report and to learn more about the implications of OTP for PA education, go to www.optimalteampractice.org

“A PA right out of school cannot be expected to practice autonomously like a physician or a PA with years of practice.”

A RESPONDENT TO THE AAPA FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY SURVEY

91% of newly matriculated students considered the supervising physician relationship “essential” or “very important” in their postgraduate career path.*

96% of comments in AAPA survey that referenced “new graduates” expressed concern about OTP for new grads.**

*2016 PAEA Matriculating Student Survey

**2017 Full Practice Authority and Responsibility Survey Report

