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EDITOR'S CORNER



Dear Michigan PAs,

As we pull out our cold-weather gear and get hunkered down for the winter, I hope you are all able to take a moment to reflect on 2022 and how far you have come this year in your personal lives and professional practice. The American Academy of Physician Associates' (AAPA) theme for the year is "PAs Go Beyond" - and I hope that we can all agree that Michigan PAs certainly go beyond.

Being a PA Educator gives me a special lens to see that going beyond is not just something that begins once a PA passes their PANCE and begins their clinical practice. Most pre-PA students go beyond the minimal requirements set by programs and are active, engaged members of their communities well before their matriculation dates. As didactic and clinical phase learners, PA students quest after medical knowledge with a sort of intellectual curiosity and commitment that affirms the high standards that entry into our profession requires. Finally, I am often astounded by the incredible grace and resilience I see in practicing PAs, whether it is in tackling issues of clinical practice, advocating for PA practice rights in the legislature, or the tutelage and mentoring of their peers - all while still maintaining active lives within their families and communities.

The next few newsletters will be focusing on how PAs go above and beyond the call of duty. For the first installment in this series, we will be focusing on some PAs that have gone above and beyond in research.

I would invite you all to continue to go beyond with the following opportunities:

- Submit an article to be included in the newsletter via our [MAPA Newsletter Submission Form](#). Possible article types for submissions include: Opinion Pieces, Brief Case Reports, Essays, Original Research and Literature Reviews.
- Are you interested in becoming a MAPA volunteer? View available opportunities on the [MAPA Volunteer Page](#) and review the committee updates within this digital newsletter.

Finally, if you know of a PA that goes above and beyond that deserves a spotlight, please make sure to share that with MAPA so that PA can be part of this continued series.

Thanks to all of you for your commitment to our profession.

Kind regards,

Julia M. Burkhardt, MS, PA-C

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Michigan PAs,

We had a phenomenal MAPA Fall Conference in Grand Rapids at the Amway Grand. We saw 613 attendees combined, both virtual and in-person, which is almost 25% over 2021. The event started off with keynote speaker Dr. Steve Kalkanis speaking on Healthcare Innovation and Leadership. Attendees were educated on the latest legislative issues being tackled that affect PAs in the state by special guests State Representative Luke Meerman and State Senator Winnie Brinks during the Issues & Answers discussion.

The conference was in full swing with the well attended workshops in suturing, ECG interpretation, and bedside ultrasound.

It was an honor to award Ron Stavale with the Ron L. Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication, advocacy, and leadership within the state of Michigan and beyond! We also highlighted, for the first time at the conference, awards for PA of the Year, PA Educator of the Year, and PA Preceptor of the Year. Congratulations as well to the University of Michigan-Flint program for winning the student charity drive sponsoring the BeNice group which supports mental health throughout the state. Wayne State University was awarded student hype commercial of the year as we capped off the Quiz Bowl event, where attendees watched Grand Valley State University triumph as the 2022 Champions!

The virtual on-demand conference lectures are now available. I am excited to return back to the Grand Traverse in Traverse City for the 2023 MAPA Fall Conference, October 12-14.

Thank you again to all who attended, and to the CME Committee, Association Acumen, and all the volunteers for making this a successful event!

Sincerely,

Ryan Desgrange, MS, PA-C
President, MAPA

MAPA 2022 FALL ON-DEMAND CME



2022 FALL CME CONFERENCE ON-DEMAND RECORDINGS

Sessions & Slides NOW AVAILABLE

"This year's MAPA Fall Conference was excellent! The lectures were very informative and applicable to my practice ... If you missed the conference in person, watching the virtual option is definitely worth your while.

~ Cristina Bustamante, MSBS, PA-C

Weren't able to join us in Grand Rapids? No problem, we've got you covered.

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MAPA 2022 on-demand sessions include Michigan required training:

- Implicit Bias*
- Human Trafficking
- Opioid Management

**Requires participation in live panel discussion on December 21*

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Prediction of passing the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination using a comprehensive Summative Evaluation

By: Randy Danielson PhD, PA-C

Purpose. Standards developed by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) require each accredited Physician Assistant program to develop a comprehensive summative evaluation (CSE) for all students before graduation. The purpose of this study was to determine the predictability of a CSE to student scores on the PA National Certification Examination (PANCE).

Method. A CSE developed by the Arizona School of Health Sciences was administered to 150 PA students nearing graduation at two private PA programs in the southwest United States between 1999 and 2001. In order to determine whether the CSE scores are predictive of the PANCE scores, correlation and regression analysis were used. The total score for the CSE, as well as scores from each of the three components, were correlated with the PANCE scores. In order to account for age, gender, and school, a multiple linear regression model was applied to the data predicting the subject's PANCE scores from their CSE scores and their demographic information. To examine the contribution made by each of the three components of the CSE in predicting the PANCE score, a second regression model was used that included the Multiple Choice Questions, Standardized patients, and SOAP note scores, as well as age, gender, and schools attended as independent variables.

Results. There is a statistically significant relationship between the CSE and PANCE scores ($p < 0.0001$, $r = 0.67$, $r^2 = 0.45$) showing a moderate (not low) relationship. Additionally, each of the components is significantly correlated with PANCE.

Discussion. The study shows that a computerized multiple-choice examination, standardized patient examinations, and SOAP note evaluations will be predictive, on a moderate level, of PA students' scores on the PANCE.

Full article available [here](#).



Randy Danielson, PhD, PA-C

Physician Assistant Program Admission Prerequisite Examinations and their Impact on Applicants

By: Chastity Falls, MS, PA-C

Background. Physician Assistant programs have the autonomy to select the type and number of prerequisite examinations. Therefore, many schools differ in their admission requirements, including both cognitive and noncognitive examinations.

Purpose. The purpose of this study was to describe the effect that the number and cost of prerequisite examinations had on a PA school applicants' decision to apply to certain programs.

Methods. In this cross-sectional study, participants provided demographic information and answered Likert-scale questions using an anonymous electronic survey. The number and frequency of the participant answers were determined and subsequently stratified by their geographical location.

Results. One-hundred seventy-five participants completed the survey. Most participants, being female, Caucasian, spread evenly throughout the United States and applying to the 2022-2023 application cycle with a mean age of 21.6 (SD = 22.9). The results demonstrated that most participants are influenced by both the cost and the number of required exams; however, this did not deter them from applying to programs. Further, students residing in the United States' Southeast region may not be as influenced as the other parts of the country.

Conclusions. The literature surrounding PA school prerequisite examinations' impact on applicant's decisions to apply to certain programs is limited. Further research and analysis should continue to determine if PA school applicants are influenced based upon the PA program requirements within their region or if they choose to purposefully seek out applying to schools in other regions based on the prerequisite examination requirements.

Full article available [here](#).



Chastity Falls, MS, PA-C

Antibiotic Administration times for sepsis patients in the Emergency Department

By: Nicholus B. Kopacki, DMSc, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA

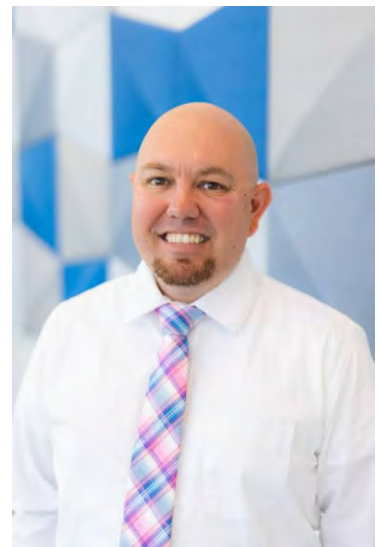
Abstract. Appropriate antibiotic administration times for sepsis patients in the Emergency Department (ED) is a controversial topic. Good antibiotic stewardship and appropriate, pathogen targeted antibiotics are paramount in controlling antibiotic resistance and reducing negative patient side effects from unnecessary antibiotic resistance and reducing negative patient side effects from unnecessary antibiotic administration. However, identification of the causative pathogen takes time and therefore makes appropriate antibiotic selection difficult in time-sensitive conditions.

Purpose. The purpose of this article is to discuss current treatment guidelines on antibiotic administration times for sepsis patients in the Emergency Department and specifically examine the significance of delayed antibiotic administration after the first hour of presentation.

Conclusion. Sepsis is a common problem encountered by ED clinicians. Because sepsis is often treated in the ED acutely, ED clinicians need to be aware of appropriate antibiotic administration timing when treating sepsis. The disease process can be caused by a variety of different pathogens. Thus, it is difficult and at times impossible to treat patients suffering from sepsis with an empiric, pathogen targeted antibiotic choice in the emergency department promptly. Additionally, diagnostic testing and imaging to identify the causative pathogen can take time, sometimes up to 24-48 hours, also making timely, appropriate antibiotic choice challenging.

Therefore, ED clinicians are often left treating patients presenting with sepsis-like symptomology with empiric, non-targeted, broad spectrum antibiotics. Although there is some evidence supporting delayed antibiotic administration in patients with sepsis to identify the causative pathogen, the majority of these studies provide evidence that IV antibiotic administration in sepsis patients within the first hour decreases mortality and should be considered in all patients with sepsis.

Full article available [here](#).



Nicholus B. Kopacki, DMSc, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA

The role of the Gut Microbiome in Psoriasis: From Pathogens to Pathology

By: Sara M. Wilchowski, DMSc, PA-C

Objective. The objective of this article is to bring awareness to the emerging frontier of the correlation of the gut microbiome and its impact on psoriasis.

Methods. A Google Scholar and PubMed literature search was conducted utilizing key words “gut microbiome,” “psoriasis,” “diet,” and “inflammation,” yielding several articles for review and classification.

Results. Randomized, controlled trials have revealed that gut microbial imbalances contribute to inflammatory cytokines as well as to the progression and development of psoriasis. Perhaps more importantly, perturbations in the gut microbiome have been correlated to elevated plasma levels of claudin-3, zonulin, and intestinal fatty acid-binding protein, contributing to intestinal barrier dysfunction and permeability. This translocation results in systemic immune activation leading to phenotypic expression of psoriasis in genetically susceptible individuals.

Limitations. Numerous limitations were found during the research on this topic, including lack of standardization of diets, coverage of stool testing by insurance, and personalized interactions of microbes on the host. Further studies are needed with longer follow-up and increased number of patients.

Conclusion. A healthy diet positively impacts the gut microbiome, which can dampen inflammatory cytokines and lessen the severity of psoriasis. The use of probiotics can also influence this dynamic.

Full article available here including full list of references figure 1 source below.

Source: Chen L, Li J, Zhu W, et al. Skin and gut microbiome in psoriasis: gaining insight into the pathophysiology of it and finding novel therapeutic strategies. *Front Microbiol.* 2020;0. doi:10.3389/fmicb.2020.589726

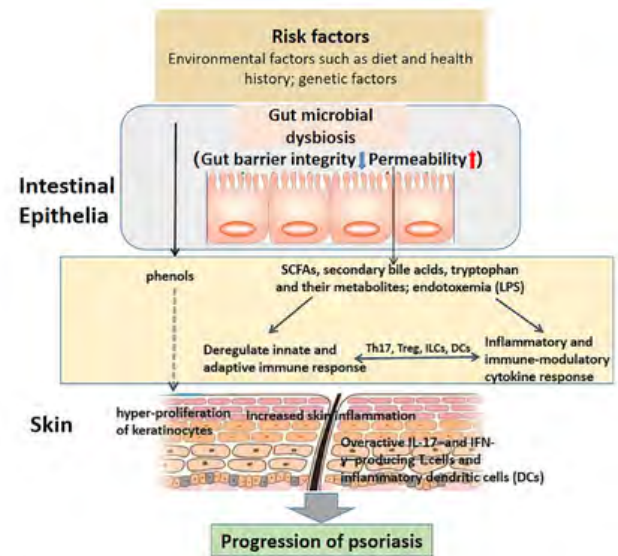


Figure 1. Intestinal permeability and immune activation in psoriasis²



Sara M. Wilchowski, DMSc, PA-C

MAPA 2022 FALL CME - AWARDS



Ryan Desgrange and Kristin Witte

PA of the Year

Honors a PA for demonstrating exemplary service to the community, exemplifying the PA profession philosophy of providing accessible, quality healthcare to all, and furthering the image of the profession in a positive, meaningful way.

Kristin Witte, PA-C
University of Michigan Health
Grand Rapids, MI



Kevin Geltz and Ryan Desgrange

Educator of the Year

Honors a PA educator/faculty member for demonstrating a commitment to excellence in the education of PA students as a mentor and instructor.

Kevin Geltz, PA-C
Eastern Michigan University
Ypsilanti, MI

Preceptor of the Year

Honors a preceptor for demonstrating a commitment to excellence in the clinical education of PA students as a mentor and instructor.

David Hamaker, PA-C
Hamilton Community
Health Center
Flint, MI

Ron L. Nelson Achievement Award

Recognizes an individual that demonstrates exemplary service to the PA profession and the community, furthers the image of physician assistants and has had a broad and significant impact on the PA profession in Michigan.

Ron X. Stavale, PA-C
Independent Emergency Physicians, PC
Pleasant Ridge, MI

"I do not think anyone can refute that when one thinks of MAPA, the first person that comes to mind is Ron Stavale. His commitment to the profession cannot be summed up in one word, nor his impact to the profession. Ron has held if not all, most of the MAPA board and committee chair positions. His tireless efforts have shown in mentoring current and budding PAs throughout the state, as well as his advocacy in the legislative state that have resulted in many of the freedoms in practice we all enjoy here today."

~ Ryan Desgrange, MAPA President



Ryan Desgrange, Ron Stavale & Ashley Malliett



Senator Curtis Hertel and MSU PA students

State Senator Curtis Hertel Visits MSU PA Medicine

John G. McGinnity MS, PA-C

*Professor & Director, Department of PA Medicine
MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine*

Michigan Senator Curtis Hertel visited MSU PA Medicine with MAPA Executive Director Thadd Gormas due to the student's recent high level of advocacy engagement at the Fall MAPA conference. Senator Hertel discussed with the students the need for increased access to health providers for Michigan citizens and how PAs play a vital role in the state. Senator Hertel also discussed the importance of engaging with the legislative process to promote strong policy that works for citizens.

PA Medicine Students had many questions on becoming involved in the policy process and wanted to hear about Senate bill 191 where PAs would be added to the Mental Health code in Michigan. The PA Medicine program within the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine works collaboratively to ensure both the osteopathic medical students and PA students have an inter-professional approach to medical education while in the classroom as well as during clinical experiences.

This innovative approach will allow both professions to have a better understanding of each other and will provide approaches to improve team-based medical care. Once again Spartans lead the way!

2022 Quiz Bowl

Thanks for giving it your all, PA students!
Your charity baskets raised close to \$10,000 for
be nice.

Central Michigan
Concordia University Ann Arbor
Eastern Michigan University
Grand Valley State University
Michigan State University
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Michigan – Flint
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University



2022 Quiz Bowl Champs
Way to go, GVSU Team!

OTHER AWARDS

Best Commercial: Wayne State University
Best Charity Basket: University of Michigan - Flint



MAPA 2022 Fall CME Conference
Thadd Gormas, Ryan Desgrange,
State Rep. Luke Meerman
and Michelle Petropoulos

IN THE NEWS

Support Michigan Legislators That Support You



Thadd Gormas and Senator Winnie Brinks



**Support PAMPAC
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November 29
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Michigan's first female Senate Majority Leader, **Senator Winnie Brinks**, who will be starting her role in 2023, spoke at MAPA's Fall Conference

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2022 AAPA Leadership and Advocacy Summit



Tammie Horvath, PA-C with Trauma Surgery for MyMichigan Health, recently attended the American Academy of Physician Associates Leadership and Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC. The Summit prepares practicing PAs and students to advocate on behalf of their profession. PA leaders from the Michigan Academy of PAs (MAPA) also traveled to the Summit.

Bills considered for these last few months by the 117th United States Congress include improving the ease of access to medical care for federal workers injured on the job. Currently, when these workers suffer a work-related injury, they are only allowed to be seen by physicians even while their primary care provider is often a PA or NP. This barrier to care causes delays in initial treatment affecting their return to work and quality of life. This bill passed the U.S. House and is now in the Senate Committee Chaired by Michigan Senator Gary Peters.

Another bill supports PAs and NPs providing care to cardiac and pulmonary rehab patients. The need for this type of care is unprecedented due to COVID-19 causing respiratory failure and severe cardiopulmonary changes for up to 67% of hospitalized patients. The State of Michigan does not restrict PAs or NPs from providing this care so we are hopeful the Federal Government will follow our lead. Over 220 PAs met collectively with 170 legislators and staff on Capitol Hill to advocate for legislation impacting PAs and our patients.

On November 2nd, Tammie and Kate Schisler, PA-C with MyMichigan hospitalists met virtually with MAPA Executive Director Thadd Gormas, and our Congressman John Moolenaar. We discussed the prevalence of PAs serving patients in our community

and policy issues essential to PA practice in Michigan. Congressman Moolenaar invited PAs from our area to participate next year in a round table discussion focused on increasing access to medicine for rural communities.

Michigan has the best PA practice environment in the U.S., and MyMichigan Health continues to support the PA profession. We all remain focused on advocating for every opportunity to improve access to high quality care for our patients. If you are a PA, please consider joining MAPA and AAPA and supporting their political action committees. Your voice is needed!



From L-R: Jennifer Knip, PA-C, Keith Saylor, PA-S, Jennifer Pletcher, PA-S, Alison Badger, MS, PA0C, Tammie Horvath, PA-C, Ron Stavale, PA-C, Michelle Gormas, PA-C and Thadd Gormas, MAPA Executive Director

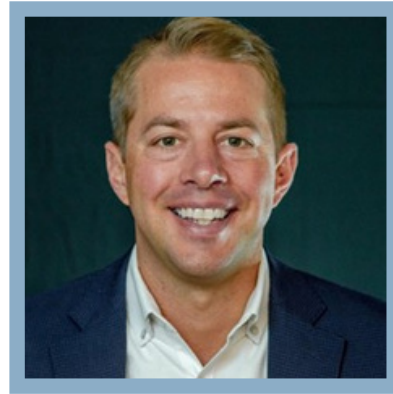


Congressman John Moolenaar

CERTIFICATION & TRAINING



Ashley Malliett, DMSc, MPAS, PA-C
Henry Ford Health System



Thadd Gormas
Michigan Academy of PAs

Implicit Bias 101 - Live Discussion

December 21 | 12:00pm ET

[Register](#)

Join MAPA Leaders on Wednesday, December 21 for a candid discussion on Implicit Bias. Ashley Malliett, President Elect of MAPA, and Thadd Gormas, Executive Director of MAPA, will discuss implicit bias in the workplace, their own experiences with it, and open the floor to hear from you, the audience, on how you've identified and dealt with your own biases.

This live discussion, combined with the pre-recorded Implicit Bias 101 lecture, qualify for 1 AAPA Category 1 CME Credit AND satisfy the LARA requirement for one hour of training for license renewal as of June 1, 2022.

Implicit Bias Quick Answers

- This is a two-part training, you must watch the pre-recorded Implicit Bias lecture AND participate in the live discussion to receive full credit.
- You must also complete the pre-test and post-test to receive credit.
- If you registered for the Implicit Bias 101 training in June, there is no need to register again. You will be contacted via email with details to join the latest live discussion.
- Additional live discussion dates will be announced in 2023, this is the final chance to complete your implicit bias training from MAPA in 2022.
- If you previously watched the recording and participated in the live discussion in July, you do not need to attend this discussion, you've completed your credit hour.
- This is the same training announced this past summer. You cannot participate in this discussion for additional credit hours above the approved one hour of CME.
- **Questions?** Contact MAPA at 517-318-0511.

REGION UPDATES



REGION 1 REPRESENTATIVE

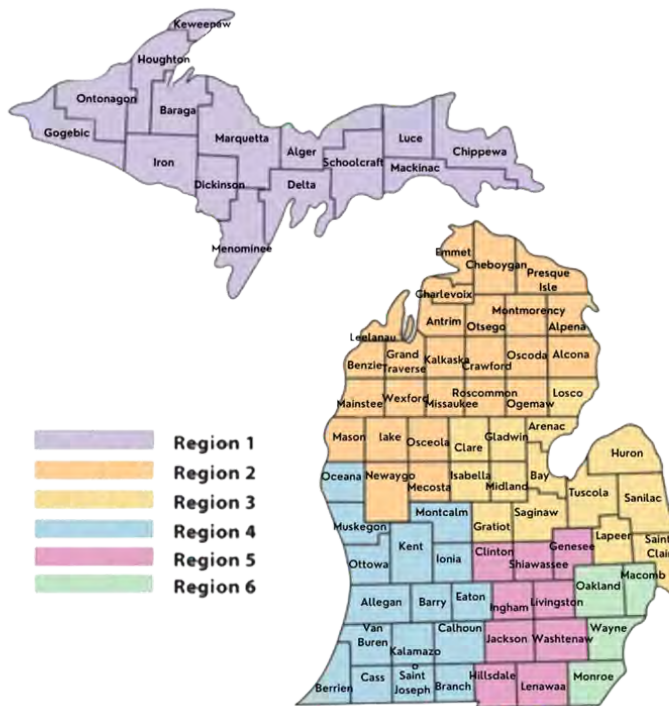
Michael White, PA-C
Marquette, MI

I spent my afternoon today raking leaves in nearly 70-degree temperatures that are rare in November up here in the UP. As I look back at 2022, the weather is unfortunately not the only aberration from the normal.

We are heading into very tense mid-term elections and the world has become much smaller and more dangerous with the current state of our foreign affairs. It has always been helpful for me when facing adversity to cling to something solid and secure. If you are a PA in Michigan that bedrock of security is MAPA. MAPA is the only organization that is protecting one of the best PA practice environments in the country and supporting your career success.

I had the pleasure of attending our Fall Conference in Grand Rapids last month. I had the chance to meet and socialize with the new PAs who are starting their careers in a practice environment that I did not enjoy when I started mine. We have to protect the progress that MAPA has made over the last 50 years. MAPA cannot do it without our support. So at the conference, I made my annual contribution to our political action committee. The work our PAC does to support our careers is essential. If every PA in the state gave \$50 annually to our PAC we would become the most powerful PAC in the state. I urge you to go online to make your contribution today.

We can thrive in the face of whatever 2023 is going to bring standing on the bedrock of MAPA. Protect your profession and support your professional organization!



REGION 2 REPRESENTATIVE

Jon Borton, PA-C
Cadillac, MI

We are hoping to have 1 or 2 dinner programs possibly by the end of the year. Dates have not been set quite yet. Also, we are working on setting up a town hall at some point in 2023. I am looking forward to seeing region 2 PAs at these upcoming events. Please consider joining a committee, if you have not already done so. If you did not attend the Fall CME conference in person, make sure to sign up for virtual content, as there were quite a few great speakers/topics.

REGION UPDATES



REGION 3 REPRESENTATIVE

Jonathan Albers, DMS, PA-C
Bad Axe, MI

Hello fellow Region 3 PAs! It is really hard to believe that we are in the final stretch for 2022! While this year has proven to further demonstrate our critical importance to providing equitable care to our patients, it is still important to give thanks and appreciation for such an opportunity. I think as we go into this holiday season it is important to reflect on the challenges you all have faced in the last year and how you can look forward to a 2023 to accomplish moving past such obstacles. We saw from an exciting MAPA Fall Conference the immense energy and dedication that so many of you emulate in your day to day practices. It was a great opportunity to see old friends or colleagues and a chance to meet new ones. MAPA certainly needs any help or services you can offer, whether it be serving on a committee or even working with other PAs in your day to day practice that can help advise on any challenges you all may be facing.

I wish you all a safe, healthy, and productive holiday season and with further extension into the new year!



REGION 4 REPRESENTATIVE

William Kammel, PA-C, CAQ-Psych
Grand Rapids, MI

It has been a pleasure to be a part of the MAPA BOD this year, especially as we have emerged from COVID to what has some semblance of normalcy. We have had in person advocacy events at the Capital Summit, sent members to the Leadership and Advocacy Summit in D.C. and the AAPA conference in Indianapolis, IN, and most recently, had an great turnout for our fall CME conference in Grand Rapids, MI. I have seen the energy building up since I first started on the board in 2019 and am confident that it will continue into the coming year. I hope that each of you feel empowered to connect with MAPA about your issues, your priorities, and possibly your time by volunteering or making a financial donation when you are able. MAPA can't exist without the engagement of Michigan PAs and we hope to find new and creative ways to get anyone that is interested involved. In Region 4 we had two dinners in 2022 and will plan to have one early in 2023, so be on the watch for the invite.

Help Promote Vaccinations

Post on your social outlets

Nobody wants to get the flu. Get immunized today! Learn more, or find an immunization location at www.michigan.gov/flu/prevent

#FightFluMI



REGION UPDATES



REGION 5 REPRESENTATIVE

Katie Lukovich, PA-C
Grand Blanc, MI

Thank you to all of you who participated in the recent educational dinners! It was nice to meet some new faces.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to come in the new year. As we approach the holidays, I hope you have the chance to relax and spend time with your loved ones. As always, reach out if you have any questions or concerns!



REGION 6 REPRESENTATIVE

Cristina Bustamante, MSBS, PA-C
Troy, MI

Hello, Region 6 PAs! There is one more educational dinner prior to the end of the year on November 29th. We will kick off the educational dinners for 2023 in January! Please be sure to join us. I hope you have a great holiday season and we can't wait to ring in the new year with you!



MAPA 2022 CME Conference
Grand Rapids, MI

L-R: John McGinnity, Andy Booth, Jonathan Albers, Jim Kilmark, Chris Noth, Ryan Desgrange, Becky Cronin, Michelle Petropoulos, Tracy Karinen and Thadd Gormas

COMMITTEE UPDATES



CME COMMITTEE
John McGinnity, MS, PA-C
CHAIR

The MAPA CME Committee had a very successful year with the Fall Conference being one of the largest attended meetings in MAPA history. This year MAPA CME attendees were able to earn almost double the amount of CME than past years and more than any state PA academy in our region. This was made possible by the MAPA leadership team committing to offer live streams of all lectures to allow virtual attendance of program lectures. Furthermore it enabled virtual and in person attendees the chance to watch the lectures they missed on-demand, post-conference. So, no one misses out on anything!

We are always looking for new committee members who want to bring cutting edge speakers to our MAPA meetings. The committee looks to have a well-rounded program where members can keep those “generalist” skills PAs have to maintain certification and improve patient outcomes. This year we were fortunate to bring the chief medical officer of Henry Ford Health to talk about where Medicine is heading in the State of Michigan and PAs' impact to quality care. This is just the kind of lecture we want to bring to our members to ensure they are kept aware of trends we are seeing in the state.

MAPA CME Committee

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613 Attendees



40 Exhibitors



MHA
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Dec 6-8, 2022 & Jan 25-26, 2023



50+ Speakers

COMMITTEE UPDATES



COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

John Young, PA-C
CHAIR

Our committee has been hard at work reaching out and connecting with our members. The great success of the fall conference was widely shared through social media platforms, and we would like to thank all those who attended! Keep an eye on your email inbox for the winter newsletter e-edition as well as our monthly email update, *The MAPA Minute*. In December, we will feature a PA-S Instagram takeover so check out the [#michiganpaorg](#) page to get a snapshot into the life of a PA student.

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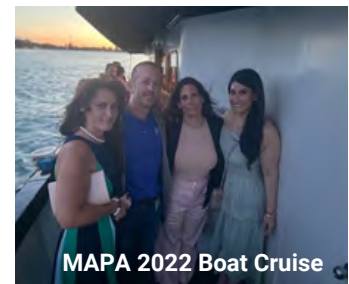
PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Felicia Shaya, DMSc, MS, PA-C
CHAIR

The Public Affairs Committee has been delighted to continue to grow as well as host successful events such as the Comedy Show and MAPA Boat Cruise for which were both a great time and well attended. We look forward to the continued growth of our committee and ways to serve you through collaboration with other MAPA committees, region representatives, and events.

MAPA Public Affairs Committee

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The membership committee has been hard at work trying to offer new programs and offering to add value to your MAPA membership and to increase total number of MAPA members. In this past year, we held a refer a friend membership drive, offered group discounts, and added on demand CME that is required for MI PA licensing, to name a few initiatives. Overall, our year to date results are positive and listed below for your review.

- Total Membership is up 7%
- Total PA-C members are up 22%
- First Year PA-C donations are up 35%

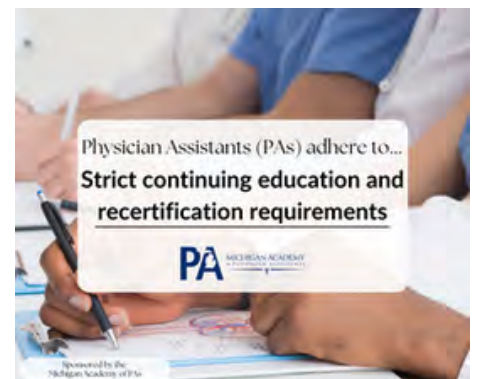
Some thoughts on the numbers above. I am happy that we were able to increase membership in a tough economic environment. However, despite the gains, our membership is still lower than it should be. MAPA is the only organization representing Michigan PAs and is responsible for Michigan being one of the premier states for PAs to practice in the country. We need your help to keep it that way.

MAPA has three asks of all Michigan PAs:

- Become or remain a member of MAPA
- Talk to your PA friends and co-workers about becoming MAPA members
- Donate to PAMPAC, the Michigan PA political action committee



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Another election season has concluded! High interest and early voting across America signaled that this year's elections could meet or possibly exceed 2018's record midterm turnout. Almost universally, strategists confessed this midterm election has shaped up somewhat differently than past elections. In Michigan, a significant increase of female and young adult voters has been reported, this statistic has also been observed nationwide. In total Michigan had a record-breaking turnout for the midterm election, with 4.45 million ballots cast, according to election data from the office of the Secretary of State. The former record, set in 2018, saw a turnout of 4.34 million. At the end of the day the results showed Democrats dominated statewide races and took control of both chambers of the legislature for the first time in 40 years!

With election season in the rearview mirror, I am happy to report the Michigan Academy of PAs is coming up on our 50th year as an organization! Formed in 1974, we are one year older than AAPA! Talking to PA leaders across the country, it's evident Michigan PAs still enjoy the best practice environment in the U.S. Perhaps we should expect to be the best after 50 years? That is a longtime to be demonstrating the unsurpassed quality of care that we provide to our patients.

We recognized there is work to be done in Michigan to decrease barriers PAs encounter every day. We feel it and see it every day. Additionally, we have to be precise and intentional in this legislative environment to be successful. Together, the Michigan Academy of PAs represents the ones who are doing something about it. Thank you, MAPA members!

The Michigan PA leaders highlighted earlier contributed to PAs of Michigan Political Action Committee (PAMPAC) during the Fall Conference. The only organization where 100% of contributions go directly to Michigan legislators who support PAs. All Michigan PAs will enjoy enhanced professional opportunities because of these intentional PA leaders. They deserve our gratitude during this election.

Like elections, the future of the PA profession is decided by relatively few PAs. Almost all of a PA's ability to practice medicine is decided at the state level, yet less than 20% of Michigan PAs are MAPA members. Even fewer have contributed to PAMPAC.

Change requires more than just waiting for people to recognize you are doing a great job. Opportunities for us will come sooner when more PAs vote, maintain MAPA membership, and donate something to PAMPAC. Together, we will be stronger.

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