

WAPA House of Delegates PA Name Survey Executive Summary

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Survey Statistics At-A-Glance

Target Audience:	WAPA Membership & Database Contacts
Send date:	Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Reminder sent:	Wednesday, January 24, 2018
Survey Closed:	Monday, January 29, 2018
Total Recipients:	1,275
Total Respondents:	592
Response Rate:	46%

Response Analysis & Qualitative Data

Do you believe 'Physician Assistant' accurately describes the role of a PA?

*Answered: 590
Skipped: 4*

Selections Respondents / % of Total

Yes: 112 / 19%
No: 478 / 81%

Which of the following titles do you believe best reflects our role in healthcare?

*Answered: 592
Skipped: 2*

Selections Respondents / % of Total

Physician Assistant: 96 / 16%
Physician Associate: 338 / 57%
Licensed Medical Practitioner: 100 / 17%
Licensed Medicine Practitioner: 14 / 2%
Other: 44 / 7%

Other responses:

- Physician Associate (*suggested 8 times*)
- Physician Extended/Extender (*suggested 7 times*)
- Advanced Practice Provider (*suggested 5 times*)
- Licensed Medical Practitioner (*suggested 4 times*)
- Physician Colleague (*suggested 3 times*)
- Medical Practitioner (*suggested 3 times*)
- Associate Provider (*suggested 3 times*)
- Advanced Medical Practitioner (*suggested 3 times*)

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- Associate Physician (*suggested 2 times*)
- Advanced Practice Clinician (*suggested 2 times*)
- Advanced Licensed Medical Practitioner (*suggested 2 times*)
- Clinical / Medical Officer (*suggested 2 times*)
- Licensed Medical Provider
- Professional Medical Provider
- Para-physician
- Medical Practice Provider
- PA (*suggested 3 times*)
- Unsure (*mentioned 5 times*)

Other Comments

- This name change has been going on for 40 years and I believe it is a bit late to be changing names now
- LMP is too similar to LPN – more confusion!
- Honestly, I am not sure but I don't think it's any of those – something with “medical” and “clinician” perhaps?
- I'm not sure, but previous HOD have settled on PA; not in favor of cost of renaming to Physician Associate – states would have to amend laws/licensing – not worth the cost/benefit at this time
- Physician Assistant – title for more than 40 years, with hard work to establish, with a history and with current recognition. FOOLISH to change!!!!
- None. I'd stick with the traditional name despite it being somewhat of a misnomer.
- Physician Associate is better, but it is too late to change this now. Just let PAs become an acronym where no one knows what it actually stands for. Like IHOP.

Are you in favor of a resolution directing AAPA to form a task force partnered with marketing experts for the purpose of identifying a title and brand that best represents the PA profession and reflects our role in healthcare?

Answered: 593

Skipped: 1

Selections	Respondents / % of Total
Yes:	495 / 83%
No:	98 / 17%