

TOP 9 REASONS

Dermatology PAs

[for those PAs interested in dermatology]

Should Become a Member of the SDPA

The largest of 26 specialty organizations under the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA), the Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants (SDPA) is a non-profit professional association focused on empowering, educating and advancing PAs currently working in the field of dermatology and those who would like to work in the field.



As a member of the SDPA you will enjoy and have access to:



1. Education (CME) | The SDPA offers over 150 hours of Category 1 CME courses at any given time. For instance, our two yearly conferences (Summer and Fall) offer, on average, more than 25 CME hours each, while our quarterly magazine, the Journal of Dermatology for PAs (JDPA), offers 1 CME opportunity per issue. In addition, we offer two Performance Improvement (PI) courses, each worth 40 CME hours, as well as video recorded conference sessions to ensure those unable to attend have access to all the great content these events have to offer.

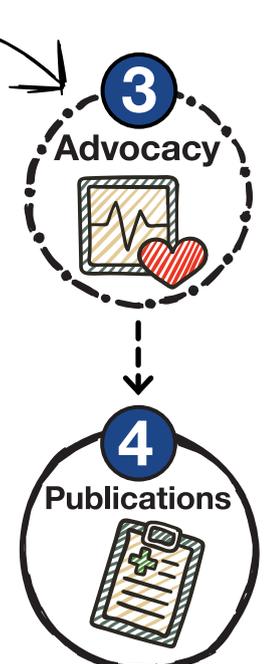


2. Training | The association recently launched the SDPA Diplomate Fellowship, the premier training program for PAs in the field of dermatology. Working with more than 60 subject matter and testing experts, the program has been built from the ground-up to cover the full range of knowledge every dermatology PA should have to provide exceptional patient care. Several modules have already been released, with more on the way. Once completed, the program will consist of over 65 hours of CME.

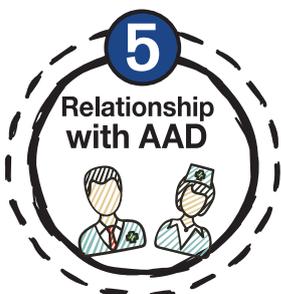
3. Advocacy | The SDPA represents the dermatology PA community to the American Academy of Dermatologists (AAD), state and federal legislators, industry leaders, patient advocacy groups, and the local communities you serve. Our leadership team is proactively involved in issues that have the potential to affect the profession by watching the national and local stages for articles and publications that may provide inaccurate information about dermatology PAs and author responses that defend the profession. In addition, the association actively advocates on behalf of the dermatology PA community on topics such as reforming antiquated licensing regulations and reducing restrictive regulations.

4. Publications | The SDPA produces several informative publications including the quarterly JDPA, as well as monthly and quarterly member-only newsletters. In addition, SDPA members also receive free subscriptions to our partner journals, Dermatology News, The Dermatologist, and Practical Dermatology, each of which provide additional up-to-date information on the most current dermatological innovations and news.

There are many dermatology conferences offered each year, which one should you attend? The SDPA is the only national not-for-profit dermatology organization hosting conferences specifically for the dermatology PA community. Unlike the for-profit companies that host other meetings, all proceeds from our conferences go back into the association and are used to further our mission of advancing the care of patients through education and empowerment of dermatology PAs. The SDPA is working for you, your colleagues, and the profession.



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5. Relationship with AAD | The SDPA has been advocating for the PA profession with the AAD leadership, and their dermatologist members, for many years. Although great strides towards greater PA acceptance have been made over the past decade, there is still work to be done. With continued misunderstandings amongst many in the dermatologist and PA communities, the SDPA is committed to upholding our mission to advance the PA profession while also continuing to work to maintain a collegial relationship with the AAD.



6. Community and Networking | SDPA members have unique opportunities to network with colleagues from across the country, not just at both of our annual conferences, but also on our exclusive members-only online social community where they can connect with other PAs and SDPA thought leaders. The site allows members to post clinical and non-clinical questions, as well as send private messages to colleagues, in order to get questions answered directly by fellow peers.



7. Jobs | Members have access to the SDPA's online Career Center. Members can post resumes, search job listings and even apply for jobs directly through the site. New jobs are posted regularly and are searchable by a number of criteria. Don't want to look? Set up an instant email alert to get notifications the moment new jobs are posted!

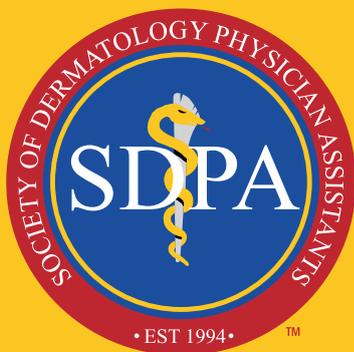
8. Discounts | In addition to conference registration discounts, SDPA members also receive the benefit of discounts on derm-relevant products such as dermatoscopes, lab coats, compression socks, contract consultants, and more!



9. Career Boost | Members are encouraged to get involved by volunteering on one of the SDPA's various committees or leadership team. Not only will this provide an opportunity to increase your network, grow professionally and hone and sharpen your leadership skills, but it will also help ensure the continued success of PAs in the field of dermatology. Our profession depends on leadership, so why not become a force for positive change? Get involved today by visiting DermPA.org for more information.



 Over the past couple of years, the AAD has embarked on a mission to develop their DermCare team model for practice. The SDPA has maintained open dialogue regarding the DermCare team, but we firmly believe that PAs who forego SDPA membership to join the DermCare team will find themselves at a substantial disadvantage compared to SDPA members who have a whole team of dermatology PA leaders behind them to advocate for the profession.



Elevate your career by joining the only association advocating for PAs in dermatology.

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