

Physician Associates Supervision Summary



Who are Physician Associates?

Physician associates are medically trained, generalist healthcare professionals, who work alongside doctors and provide medical care as an integral part of the multidisciplinary team. Physician associates are practitioners working with a dedicated medical supervisor but are able to work autonomously with appropriate support.

<https://www.fparcp.co.uk/about-fpa/who-are-physician-associates>



GP Supervision

Each PA should have a name/allocated GP supervisor – who you will have your appraisals with and your mentor.

Physician associates' ability to practice medicine is enabled by collaboration and supportive working relationships with their clinical supervisor, meaning that there is always someone who can discuss cases, give advice, and attend to patients if necessary.

<https://www.fparcp.co.uk/employers/guidance/>



GP Debrief

Each PA should debrief daily with your GP supervisor or a allocated GP on the day. PA and the GP should have a minimum of 20mins a day to discuss cases. This should be in place for all PAs.

Debrief is KEY part of PA role.



Reflection

Reflection – Every PA should reflect regularly. Attend teaching session – CPTH website – for your own training needs.



Support

If in doubt, please speak to your GP – always ASK

Peer support – CPTH