Predictions and Projections:

“What’s Past Is Prologue!”

*William Shakespeare*
MISSION:
To share the history of the development of the PA profession and illustrate how PAs continue to make a difference in our society.

VISION:
The PA History Society brings PA history alive by inspiring the next generation of PAs, patients and policymakers.

Major Milestones or Events that have helped shape the Role and Identity of Physician Assistants

2006 - USPHS Rear Admiral Mike Milner becomes the first PA flag officer.

2011 - Karen Bass from California is sworn into the 112th Congress, becoming the first PA elected to the US House of Representatives.

Remembering and Honoring Those who Serve

JOHN McELLIGOTT PA VETERANS MEMORIAL GARDEN
Eugene A. Stead, Jr. Center for Physician Assistants
Durham, NC

Making others aware of the PA Profession: PAHx - National Library of Medicine Exhibition

The only veterans garden in the United States dedicated strictly to PAs!
Stead Center for Physician Assistants

We own and maintain the historical collection on display at the Eugene A. Stead Center located in Durham, NC (former location of the PAH).

Follow the Adventures of Chipper Wallet
A Pioneering Physician Assistant

Before becoming a PA, Chipper Wallet was a former Navy Hospital Corpsman who fought in Vietnam. His story mirrors that of many of the PA Profession’s pioneering PAs.

JAAPA 50th Anniversary Series

• Projections for PA Workforce
• PAs in the White House
• Preceptor Essays Across Time
• PAs in the Media
• The Story of One PA in Three Countries
• Best Practices for International Practice
• The March on Trenton: PA Regulation in N.J.
• The Battle for Mississippi: The Final PA Law
• A History of Regulation
  ... and others!

Editorial Comments #1
(Bushardt and Ballweg)

• Flexibility Remains Critical:
  “Our flexibility, novel in US health care, enables PAs to evolve in concert with patient needs, advances in biomedical knowledge and disruptive changes in the health care system.”
Editorial Comments #2  (Bushardt and Ballweg)

- Pioneering New Trails
- There is broad evidence that PAs continue to pioneer new paths to increase access to high quality health care and improve the health of our communities.

Editorial Comments #3  (Bushardt and Ballweg)

- A Call for Leadership
- PAs have been relatively silent on the national health policy debate. Recent frictions among internal stakeholders have distracted attention from these national policy and workforce issues.
  - As our profession grows, we must embrace leadership and not abdicate the responsibility to shape healthcare policy and the models of care within which PAs practice.
  - We must reconcile a path that embraces inter-professional education but increasingly empowers the profession to drive its own journey ahead.

Editorial Comments #4  (Bushardt and Ballweg)

- What Lies Ahead?
  - Will Advance Degrees dramatically change who we are?
  - How diverse and inclusive will the PA profession be?
  - We hope that the benevolence and altruistic character that have defined our career...will continue to mature.
  - A culture of philanthropy is lacking despite today’s highly competitive salaries.
  - We should prepare ourselves for the development of new careers that fill gaps in health care.
  - Should PA organizations increase their support for global PA development

Editorial Comments #5  Bushardt and Ballweg

“In this volatile business of ours, we can ill afford to rest on our laurels, even to pause in retrospect. Times and conditions change so rapidly that we must keep our aim constantly focused on the future.”

Walt Disney
"But...not forgetting that the PA concept didn’t start in the US....or in 1965!"

As physicians and hospitals struggled to meet the high end demands in the marketplace, their ability to deliver accessible, affordable and quality health care services to the lower end of the marketplace waned.

Demand for medical services was already running ahead of supply (trained personnel) when President Johnson signed Medicare Legislation in 1965. Nineteen million individuals signed up for Medicare during its first year.

Increasing Medical School enrollments would be expensive and would take 10 to 20 years to have an impact. Was there another Solution?

1959 US Surgeon General identifies a national shortage of medically trained personnel.

1959 LBJ signs Medicare Act 1965
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Treadwell is made an Honorary PA in 1970 by the Duke University PA Program

Dr. Amos Johnson and Buddy Treadwell

One Doctor’s Solution to a Growing Demand for Health Care Services, 1950-1960s

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Thelma Ingles, RN and Eugene Stead, Jr., MD’s failure to gain nursing leadership’s acceptance of clinical roles for nurses opened the door for the formal education for physician assistants.

"A Social Innovation is a novel solution to a social problem that is more effective, efficient, sustainable, or just - than existing solutions... and for which, the value created accrues primarily to society as a whole rather than private individual." – Phillips, James A, Deigleiner, Kris, and Miller, Dale T. Rediscovering Social Innovation. Stanford Social Innovation Review; Fall 2008; 6, 4; pg. 38.

Charles Hudson, MD in the Journal of the American Medical Association, calls for the training of a "mid-level" provider to assist doctors from a new source of health manpower - such as former military corpsmen.

Eugene A. Stead, Jr., MD sent a letter to Duke University Hospital Administrator, Charles H. Frenzel, stating his intention to develop a program for the "physician’s assistant" using former military corpsmen as the first students.
Richard Smith, MD, launches the MEDEX program at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA, in partnership with the Washington State Medical Association.

Training Former Military Corpsmen as MEDEX, 1969

You Tell US!

PA History in Iowa

Exchange of Ideas and Values: Duke Conferences and National Conferences

Duke University Conferences 1968 and 1972

First Annual Conference Wichita Falls Texas in 1973

Integration of private capital with public and philanthropic support

The Physician Assistant Profession

Educational Programs

Conferences

Research & Evaluations

Accreditation Process

Foundation and Federal Funding

Certification Process

Process
External Value Networks that Support the PA Profession as a Social Innovation

- AMA, NBME, AHA, AAMC, FSMB (Various Medical Specialty Organizations)
- Veterans Administration Medical Centers
  - Support Education
  - Hospital Privileges
  - Utilization Patterns
- US Public Health Service (corps)
- US Department of Defense (commissioning issues)
- Health Workforce Alliances
- Pharmaceutical Industry
- Private Foundations
- Consumer Health Advocacies

Major Milestones or Events that have helped shape the Role and Identity of Physician Assistants

- **1977 - Rural Health Clinic Services Act (PL95-210)**
- **1986 – The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, (PL:**
  - **1995 Medicare Reimbursement**
- **1978 – Commissioning of PAs by the U.S. Air Force**

Major Milestones or Events that have helped shape the Role and Identity of Physician Assistants

2000 - Mississippi enacts PA enabling legislation thereby making PAs universally accepted in all of the states and territories of the USA

In 2007, Indiana passes legislation allowing PAs to prescribe. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Guam now allow PAs to prescribe.

Preserving Your Legacy

We collect, process, organize and store archival papers, records, still and moving images and artifacts relevant to the history of the PA Profession.
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Publications
We keep our constituents informed through our online newsletter and publications that we market to PAs, policy-makers and the general public.

How to Use the PAHx
Working closely with our Associates and National PA Organizations, we help prepare exhibits for national and regional conferences and meetings, help provide materials for research endeavors, supplements to journal articles, and much more!
The *Educational Toolkit* was developed to educate PA students by providing faculty with comprehensive materials featuring 50 years of the PA profession in the U.S.

The *Historian's Toolkit* was developed to assist PA Programs and Constituent organizations with preserving their own history!

**Preserving State Academy History**

- Identify Historian(s)
- Inventory organizational, academic, personal collections.
- Prioritize activities.
- Identify PAs for biographies, oral histories.
- Involve students.
- Join History Society.
- Consider “boot camp” participation

**Coming in 2018 ...**

**PA Historian Boot Camp**

2-day Boot Camp held at the PA History Society offices

The goal is to teach PAs how to save (preserve), study (research) and tell (write/teach) the story of their own institutional history and the history and legacy of the PA profession.

**Topics Covered:**
- Historian Role and Duties
- Historian Toolkit – Reference and Guide
- Basics of Archiving
- Archiving – ethical and legal issues
- Oral History Methodology
- Timeline and Milestones
- Educational Toolkit – Teaching PA History
- Historical Research
- Review and Critique of Literature
- Ways to tell the story
Coming in 2018 …

New companion book to the Society’s
The Physician Assistant: An Illustrated History

- Featuring PA news and events from 2013 -2018
- Greater Focus on the ’80s, ’90s and today!
- New Biography features
- Expanded international stories

Thank you!
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