



Welcome to Alberta's regulated healthcare team

Dear Colleague

As you may be aware, on April 1, 2021, physician assistants will come under the regulation of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA). CPSA has supported this move for years and we're proud to welcome you as the newest regulated member of Alberta's healthcare team.

Physician assistants have a long history serving Canadians either in the public healthcare system or in the Canadian Armed Forces. I've been fortunate to have worked alongside many PAs and I have tremendous respect for your work.

How will regulation benefit you?

First, we want to assure you regulation will have a minimal impact on your day-to-day practice. You will continue to work under the supervision of a physician, using your skills to support physicians and care for patients.

We see regulation as a positive step, allowing us to better support you in practice. It's also an opportunity to highlight your professionalism and the important role you play on Alberta's healthcare team. Finally, we hope bringing your profession under the umbrella of CPSA will lead to more PAs registering and practising in

Alberta, which will benefit physicians, care teams—and most importantly—patients.

What's next?

We're still working on all the details. In the months ahead, we'll have more information to share about PA regulation—not only with you and your colleagues, but also with physicians and Albertans.

Until then, you can learn more about CPSA by visiting our website at cpsa.ca, including FAQs with the most up-to-date information. I also encourage you to look at our various support programs as well as our *CPSA Standards of Practice, Code of Conduct* and *Code of Ethics and Professionalism*.

Please share this email with your PA colleagues, who may not be voluntarily registered with us.

Welcome to your CPSA, we look forward to working with you.



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