

Upcoming Events

[LAPA Teaching](#)

[Gynaecology Teach-in](#)
– 8th April 18:00 – 19:00

[Stroke Teach-in – 13th](#)
May 18:00 – 19:00

[ITU Teach-in – 10th](#)
June 18:00 – 19:00

[Other Events](#)

[On Becoming –](#)
[Empowerment Course](#)

[Acute Medicine Series](#)
– [Maternal Medicine](#) –
21st April 18:30

[Trainee Series –](#)
[Wellbeing & Decision](#)
[Making](#) – 26th April
18:30

[Specialty Series –](#)
[Geriatrics & Palliative](#)
– 4th May 18:30

[RCP Global Series –](#)
[Medical Emergencies](#)
– [Neurology](#) – 17th April
9am

[Past LAPA CPD Events](#)

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on all our previous
events online [here](#).**



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Welcome to the April edition of the London Affiliation of Physician Associates (LAPA) newsletter.

We've passed the 1-year milestone of fighting Covid-19 and we welcome the update from Boris yesterday that we are on track with our 'Roadmap' out of lock down. Bring on the long-overdue haircuts and outdoor dining!

Last month, exciting news came from the GMC regarding the next steps towards regulation. There is still a long way to go but reflecting back on the early days of PA's in the NHS, we have come on leaps and bounds to gain the recognition our profession deserves. The public consultation is now live, we encourage all of you to [have your say](#) before it closes on the 16th June. It was also announced in early March that PAs are now eligible to apply for the NHS England 'New to Partnership Payment Scheme', you can find out more [here](#).

On 30th June, the RCP is running 2 workshops specifically aimed at PA's and development of non-clinical skills. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about [working and leading in teams](#) (AM) and [teaching in a clinical setting](#) (PM). There are also more and more free, online evening webinars from the RCP and if you watch within 30 days of the event you get a certificate for your diary!

As always, we're keen to hear from you! If you're interested in getting involved with the monthly LAPA teaching, or would like to feature in our newsletter with any projects you're involved in, please drop us an email at hello@londonphysicianassociate.co.uk.

Recent Publications

[Physician Associates and administration of Covid-19 Vaccine](#)

[NICE Managing long-term effects of Covid-19](#)

[RCP and Covid-19](#)

[Covid-19 rapid guidelines: managing Covid-19](#)

[Transcervical ultrasound-guided radiofrequency ablation for symptomatic uterine fibroids](#)

[Q & A with Rowena De La Rama, PA in Primary Care](#)

Why did you want to become a PA?

I always knew I wanted to be in a role which provided care for patients, I just wasn't sure which career path to choose. When I heard about the PA role, I knew it was for me. You get to learn and practice Medicine within 2 years as you are trained according to the medical model, you get to choose which specialty you want to work in, and what's more exciting than being a part of a fairly new NHS role where you can increase the recognition of PAs and pioneer the PA role. This is why the growth of PAs has been going from strength to strength.

What is your favourite thing about being a PA?

The flexibility of choosing which specialty interests you and where you want to work is great. You get to shape your career the way you want to, the opportunities are ever growing and constantly developing.

Where's your favourite place to visit?

San Diego, California - warm sunny weather all year round, beaches and mountain trail hikes all fairly close by, beautiful sunrises and sunsets, bliss!