

## Upcoming Events

### LAPA Teaching

[LAPA Teach-In: Hormone Replacement Therapy – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 6-7pm](#)

[LAPA Teach-In: Neurology – 10<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm](#)

[PACKLS Neurology @ ST George's Hospital: 24<sup>th</sup> February 12-5pm](#)

[PACKLS Respiratory @ Epsom & St Helier: 26<sup>th</sup> May 12-5pm](#)

### Other Events

[RCP Medicine 2022: 31<sup>st</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April](#)

[RCP Player On-demand events – catch up on webinars you've missed](#)

### Past LAPA CPD Events

You can now catch up on all our previous events online [here](#).



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Welcome to the December edition of the London Affiliation of Physician Associates (LAPA) newsletter – the last of the year! It's the festive season, though this year (again) fun-filled activities and hopes of spending time with loved ones teeters on the edge of uncertainty thanks to Omicron. We know this is a challenging time for many, remember there's a wealth of wellbeing resources out there, and remember to reach out if you're in need. If you're having time off over Christmas and into the New Year, relax and enjoy – you deserve it!

The first of our PA Core Knowledge Lecture Series (PACKLS) was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, which was a huge success with over 100 PAs across London joining for the Cardiology focused online session. The next session in the quarterly series will be Neurology themed, hosted by St Georges Hospital on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, register to attend using the link in the banner on the left.

The next South London Primary Care Forum will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, and is Oncology themed with teaching from the Royal Marsden. If you're a PA working in primary care in South London, please sign up [here](#).

We thought we'd give you a little round up of some of the highlights from what the London PA Ambassadors have been working on this year:

- Of course, we've been busy with all the CPD events: Monthly Teach-Ins (highlights including an insight into life as an Interventional Radiology PA, all things stroke, and an international presentation from a PA in Canada). This year's Winter Conference was also a huge success with ~80 PAs attending both online and in person! If you'd like to get involved in CPD events during 2022 please get in touch with us.
- We also contributed to a survey of PAs in Primary Care across London, which was awarded "highly commended" in the poster category at the FPA conference, thanks to all who completed the survey!
- We're passionate about connecting you guys, which is why we're trying to develop PA networks such as the London & KSS Lead PA Forum, and Primary Care PA forums spread locally around London. Contact us if you'd like to hear more/get involved!
- We have been also working hard 'behind the scenes' liaising with employers and other key stakeholders to promote the profession and have been able to support the creation of more Primary and Secondary care jobs across the capital! Not forgetting increasing the number of student placements available for PA's in training from numerous Higher Education Institutes.
- Our 'Demand Mapping' exercise was a survey that was sent to all secondary care Trusts in London, focused on collecting data relating to workforce transformation and how they include PAs within this. Respondents reported a total of 222 PAs working in Secondary care across London, in a variety of specialties. We found that future workforce planning, line management/appraisal structures and hosting student placements is inconsistent. With HEE, we have created a set of recommendations and this will help shape our ongoing work as PA Ambassadors.
- Finally, we have hosted numerous employer's engagement events, including a webinar in December focused on Primary Care Preceptorships. Our next Prospective Employers Event will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, where we will cover the basics of the PA role, and have primary and secondary care break out rooms to dive deeper into the role in different settings. If you think you're employer might be interested in attending, please direct them to sign up [here](#).
- One final message, to promote the physician associate profession and influence the wider UK health and care profession, it is important to fill out this year's census. You should have received an email from the FPA to complete it. If you have not had an email, please contact [fpa@rcp.ac.uk](mailto:fpa@rcp.ac.uk)

Remember, our inbox ([hello@londonphysicianassociate.co.uk](mailto:hello@londonphysicianassociate.co.uk)) is always open if you'd like to get in touch with your local ambassador.

Finally, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!