

Upcoming Events

LAPA Teaching

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

[LAPA Teach-In: Neurology \(Multiple Sclerosis\) – 10th March 6-7pm](#)

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

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

Other Events

[RCP Medicine 2022: 31st March – 1st 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 January edition of the London Affiliation of Physician Associates (LAPA) newsletter, Happy New Year and here's to 2022! We hope that you all manages some well-earned rest and at least a few mince pies, without too much disruption caused by Omicron.

We have plenty of upcoming CPD events if you're not quite hitting your 50 hours target yet! The next PACKLS session in the quarterly series will be Neurology themed, hosted by St Georges Hospital on the 24th February 2022. Also our monthly Teach Ins are restarting with Hormone Replacement Therapy in February, then Multiple Sclerosis in March – register to attend using the links in the banner on the left. If you have missed out on any of the monthly teach-in events you can watch them back on the LAPA website ([CPD video library](#))

The next South London Primary Care Forum will be on Tuesday 5th April, and is also Neurology themed, if you're a PA working in primary care in South London, please sign up [here](#). Yes, we have gone Neurology mad, it's always a highly requested area for teaching, sit tight for other topics over the coming year.

We are very pleased to welcome two new London PA Ambassadors (Marium Hanif and Marie-Louise Turner) to the team, who will be covering North East London – we have a short Q&A below from Marium Hanif.

As always, we're always interested in hearing from you, get in touch at hello@londonphysicianassociate.co.uk or via any of the socials!

Get to know our new North East London PA Ambassador: Marium

My name is Marium Hanif and I am a currently a Physician Associate working in secondary care, specialising in Acute Medicine at Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust. Prior to that I had worked in primary care in Newham East London Region. I had completed my Physician Associate training at Sheffield Hallam University in 2020. My undergraduate BSc studies was in Radiotherapy and Oncology, I trained as a Therapeutic Radiographer at Sheffield Weston Park Oncology Hospital.

During the pandemic it has been very challenging to begin my career as a Physician Associate. Over the last two years I have overcome many barriers in order to adapt into a role that is still evolving. I had to ensure that sufficient supervision time was allocated to me, I had to learn how to access opportunities for CPD events and make awareness of a Physician Associate role to patients and staff members within my practice.

Now as a Physician Associate Ambassador for North East London I will transfer the skills and knowledge that I have gained to improve the services regionally. Also, to help the current PAs to have a smoother transition as it can be daunting especially if you are newly qualified. I would like to represent the Black, Asian and minority ethnic community of PAs to ensure there's equality and eradicate discrimination within our jobs.

Moving forward I am excited to join the LAPA and HEE team and work collaboratively to improve the Physician Associate workforce in primary and secondary care. I am enthusiastic about my vision for the future of the PAs where we are an integral part of the healthcare system. I hope our unique skillset is optimally utilised in a flexible and innovative way in order to ultimately provide fantastic patient care.