

Increased Accessibility to Care

PA's Help To...

- ✓ Address the more than 650,000 Albertans without a primary care provider¹ through management of up to 75% of all patient visits without requiring referral to physician level care.⁵
- ✓ Manage patient load in hospital emergency departments, by reducing wait times by 1.9x and reducing “left without being seen rates by half¹
- ✓ Provide care for patients in rural and underserved areas working to equalize the quality of care province wide.

Enhance Patient Experience

The goal of the PA is to provide high-quality, patient-centred care across diverse populations and areas spanning province and country wide.

Among Canadians receiving care from a PA, greater than 75% were satisfied with their care.²



Evidence shows that PAs improve patient care by reducing wait times, shortening hospital stays, and efficiently addressing patient concerns. They are an integral part of continuity of care following patients through hospital stays, and providing personalized education and advocacy to improve holistic patient experience.⁴

What Can a PA Do For Me?



Conduct patient assessments by taking histories and performing physical examinations.



Perform diagnostic evaluations for a wide variety of medical conditions.



Carry out therapeutic procedures, and initiate and manage pharmacologic therapy.



Help patients understand their health through education, treatment options, and preventive strategies.



Support the healthcare team, with 95% of physicians working with a PA noting increased efficiency in their own provision of care.⁵

PA's are able to perform a variety of clinical tasks. Their versatility allows them to work with physicians across various settings to help meet growing demand for services and care.