

# PAs DO THAT!

Certified PAs diagnose and treat chronic diseases, help to manage health concerns, prescribe medications, assist in major surgery and more...

## Certified Physician Assistants (PAs) are highly qualified members of health care teams:



Graduate from an accredited, graduate-level PA program averaging **27 months** in length



Complete more than **2,000 hours** of clinical rotations by graduation



Pass the **Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination** (PANCE) from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)



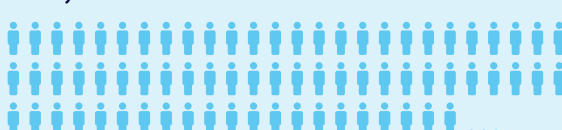
Engage in **lifelong learning** by documenting continuous study and taking periodic exams to remain certified

## Certified PAs work on the front lines of health care:



Over 139,000 Certified PAs treat **9.5M patients** each week in the U.S.

Most Certified PAs see **over 70 patients** every week



## CERTIFIED PAS WORK IN ALL PRACTICE SETTINGS:

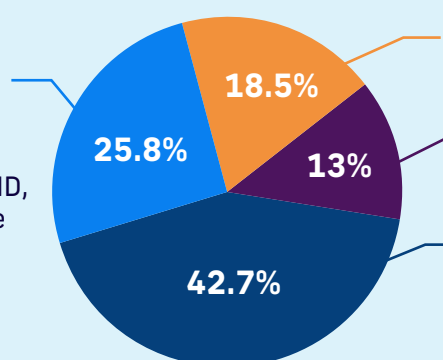
Hospitals: **40.6%**  
Private practice: **39.6%**  
Federal government: **5.3%**  
Urgent care: **4.1%**  
Community health centers: **3.1%**



## CERTIFIED PAS PRACTICE IN ALL SPECIALTIES:

Primary care (family medicine, general practice, general internal medicine, and general pediatrics)

► Jumps to **almost 50%** in AK, ND, SD, and WY – 4 states with large rural populations



Surgical subspecialties

Emergency medicine

Other specialties include: psychiatry, obstetrics & gynecology, cardiology, pediatrics, dermatology, and more!

## Certified PAs perform routine medical services and intricate procedures:



Diagnose & manage diseases, including chronic illnesses



Prescribe medications



Assist in major surgeries



Perform minor surgeries



Monitor and manage hospital inpatients



Order and interpret lab tests



Perform physical exams



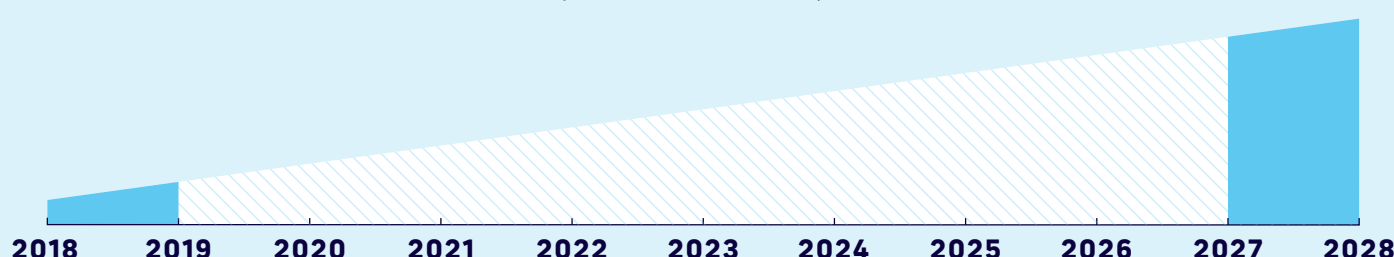
Obtain medical histories



Educate patients on treatment and health maintenance

## Certified PAs are growing as a profession:

The number of Certified PAs is expected to increase by **31%** between **2018 and 2028**<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physician-assistants.htm>