



SAPA Survey

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The Society of Army Physician Assistance (SAPA) is a Chapter of the American Academy of Physician Assistance (AAPA). The SAPA Board of Directors (BOD) has been elected to run the day-to-day business operations of the Society. The business activity includes monitoring and voicing to the AAPA and to Capitol Hill any concerns with regards to the business practices and direction that they pursue. We not only have a duty to advocate any and all concern on behalf of its members to the AAPA and Capitol Hill, but we also conduct our annual SAPA refresher conference and I have only three goals in carrying out my responsibilities as your elected member of the BOD. First, I want to make sure we are advocating on the behalf of the majority of the SAPA Constituency. So, I need to know what your concerns are. Secondly, I want to make sure that our annual CME/Conference is truly the “Biggest Bang for the Buck”. In order to this, I need to ensure that it is not only cost affective and convenient, but relevant! Last and most important, is maintaining the continued legacy/lineage of SAPA and to grow our membership, so that we have a strong voice both as a chapter of AAPA and on Capitol Hill.

There is no other organization like SAPA that can and will speak out for Army PAs. I want to grow our membership to include **ALL** Current Active Duty, Guard and Reserve Physician Assistants as well as keep those who have been faithful to SAPA. If I am correct and we are successful in the first two goals, the third will come in time. So, I ask you to please take a few minutes to fill out this brief survey of only 20 questions. As an advocate of the Society of “Army” Physician Assistants (Your Advocate), I and the other Board Members want to make sure that our services are fulfilling the requirements of our current, past and future constituency.

This Survey is broken up into 3 short sections; Demographics, The Conference Venue/ Continued Medical Education (CME) and a Miscellaneous Section to solicit your willingness and ideas to enhance our overall business strategy. No personal information is being petitioned. I want your sincere honesty and concerns!

Sincerely,
Steve Briggs

Demographics:

1. I am...
 - a. A male
 - b. A Female
2. My Current age is...
 - a. 18-25 years old.
 - b. 26-35 years old.
 - c. 36-45 years old.
 - d. 46-55 years young.
 - e. 56-? Years and getting younger!
3. Marital/ Family Status
 - a. Single (Never Married)
 - b. Married or in a long term relationship (no children living at home)
 - c. Married or in a long term relationship (1-2 children living at home)
 - d. Married or in a long term relationship (3 or more children living at home)
4. I am ...
 - a. Currently an Active Duty Member of the Armed Services (not retired).
 - b. Currently in the National Guard (not retired).
 - c. Currently a Reservist (not retired)
 - d. Currently a Retired Active Duty Member of the Armed Services (Any and All services or Status).
 - e. A civilian.
5. My Status as a PA is best described as:
 - a. I am a PA Student or I have not passed/obtained my NCCPA or State licensure.
 - b. I am currently practicing as a PA.
 - c. I am no longer practicing as a PA.
 - d. I have retired from practicing as a PA.
 - e. N/A. I am not a PA
6. I am a Physician Assistant...
 - a. Student or I have less than 5 years' experience as a PA.
 - b. With 5-10 years' experience.
 - c. With 11-15 years' experience.
 - d. With greater than 15 years' experience.
 - e. I'm not a PA. (Please, someone help me)!
7. SAPA Membership.
 - a. I am not a SAPA Member.
 - b. I am a current Member of SAPA
 - c. My Membership expired last year but I plan on renewing it in the next year.
 - d. My Membership expired last year and I do not have any plans on renewing it.
 - e. My Membership expired over 2years ago and I do not have any plans on renewing it.
8. AAPA Membership.
 - a. I am a current AAPA member.
 - b. Not current or previous AAPA member.

SAPA Conference CME/Venue.

9. I have attended _____ SAPA Conference(s).
- only 1 (one)
 - less than 5 (five)
 - 6-10
 - 10-15
 - greater than 15
10. My overall SAPA Conference Experience(s) was/were.
- Very Poor.
 - Poor.
 - Average
 - Positive
 - Excellent
11. My above answer was based on
- Venue City Location (Fayetteville, NC) proximity to Fort Bragg and or home.
 - Venue Hotel Accommodations (Holiday Inn and surrounding Hotels/establishments)
 - Cheap overall cost of Accommodations and CMEs
 - Quality and relevance of CME and presenters.
 - Social and family accommodations (i.e., meeting old friends, Golfing, night life and other attractions).
12. I would like to see the venue location of the SAPA conference changed to:
- San Antonio, Tx
 - Tampa, Fl
 - Charlotte, NC
 - Another big city with a major airport and close proximity to a military installation.
 - I don't want it changed. I think Fayetteville is the right location.
13. If the venue location were to change, I would be willing to spend _____ more for conference registration fee.
- \$25-\$50 dollars more
 - \$100 (one hundred dollar)
 - Up to \$150 (one-hundred and fifty dollars)
 - More than \$150 (one-hundred and fifty dollars) if there were more social and family attractions available.
 - I would not be willing or cannot afford an increase in registration fee to change location.
14. How would you best describe the quality of the CME and presenters of past Conferences?
- I like them the way they have been in the past, make no changes.
 - I would like to see more relevant Active Duty presentations and presenters.
 - I would like to see more break-out sessions (by specialties) or have multiple choices each hour.
 - I would like a break from the usual presenters and presentations that continue to show up each year.
 - I agree with some or all of "b", "c" and "d" above.
 - I can't say, I come for the golfing, and social aspects or I've never attended.

SAPA Conference CME/Venue (cont.).

15. The best reason I attend the SAPA Conference each year is because of...
- a. Location and proximity of Fayetteville to Fort Bragg and all the local attractions/accommodations.
 - b. Cheap CMEs
 - c. To Meet with HRC representatives.
 - d. Golf and Social reasons
 - e. I don't for all or some of the above reasons.
16. The following statement best describes my attitude, belief and willingness to participate in SAPA and attend the annual Conference. (please choose all that apply)
- a. I would attend the SAPA Conference if there were more family attractions available at the location and where I could tie the CME/Conference into an experience/vacation for my entire family.
 - b. I have a set CME budget and this greatly influences my choice of where I go for CMEs.
 - c. I would not get any funding if it were perceived as a vacation/ "boon-doggle" from my employer.
 - d. I would participate in SAPA and join as a member if I felt that the CME/Conference and being a member benefitted me and the profession; currently I do not share these beliefs.
 - e. I strongly agree with "b" and "c" above and for that reason I favor keeping the conference at its current location.
 - f. I strongly agree with "a" and "d" and feel that there needs to be some major changes in the SAPA organization.

Miscellaneous Information and Request.

17. The SAPA organization needs some assistance in the following areas and would like your assistance. Please mark any areas that you would be willing to assist us in. (Note: if willing, please give name and contact information in Comments section.)
- a. Webmaster
 - b. Soliciting for donations and sponsors
 - c. Public Relationship
 - d. SAPA Interns (Looking for motivated students and other active Duty PAs)
 - e. Thanks, but I'm not interested at this time
18. Please let us know what your concerns or interests are.
19. What changes in the overall organization would you like to see?
20. What did we forget?

Comments:
