

The PA Profession is Growing

- Employment of PAs is **expected to grow 27 percent** from 2006 to 2016, much faster than the average for all occupations.*
- AAPA has **more than 41,000 members**

PAs Care for Patients

- Approximately **257 million visits were made to PAs** in 2008
- **PAs conduct** physical examinations, make diagnoses and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, assist in surgery, make rounds in nursing homes and hospitals, and write prescriptions
- **PAs are especially equipped for managing acute conditions** such as sprains/strains, common colds, bronchitis, gynecologic problems, and trauma
- **PAs are trained to manage chronic conditions such as** diabetes, hypertension, depression, asthma, and allergies, as well as advising on family planning issues
- **Surgical PAs** assist during surgery and provide preoperative and postoperative care, including anti-infective therapy and pain management

PAs Can Prescribe

- **PAs wrote over 332 million** prescriptions to patients in 2008
- **In all 50 states, Washington, DC, and Guam,** PAs have prescribing privileges

PAs Work in a Variety of Clinical Settings

- **PAs practice in more than 60 different specialty fields**, including primary care, pediatrics, surgery, cardiology, obstetrics and gynecology, dermatology, and emergency medicine
- PAs deliver care in **hospitals, clinics, school, nursing homes, prisons, factories, and the White House**

*Source: U.S. Department of Labor 2008-2009

