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## **Letter of Intent**

**The European institutions and organizations involved in the education and training of Physician Assistants, Physician Associates, Medical Assistants and comparable academic medical professions intend to collaborate to establish a "European Network of PA - Educators"**

Across the world, academic medical professions are increasingly helping to ensure patient care. They are united by a high professional ethic, quality requirements and common goals. However, differences exist between countries and sometimes also within individual countries in educational pathways, scope of practice, health systems and legal regulations. Respecting these national particularities, the quality of graduates and international mobility can be provided through guidance and assistance in the design of degree programs and final examinations.

A professional venue and natural center of competence are exclusively the institutions and organizations involved in theoretical and practical training. By integrating nationally differing institutions, the members of ENPAE will undertake to work on the following topics:

- core standards for accreditation, certification and re-certification
- education modalities
- conditions of admission, achievable academic degree, academic development
- examination procedures
- certified advanced training and specialization
- continuous medical education
- network of clinical partners for job shadowing and student exchange
- regularly joint meetings

ENPAE aims to work closely with its sister organization PAEA in the USA to exchange experiences and share resources. In addition, the ENPAE supports the exchange with other national and global organizations of Physician Assistant / Physician Associate educators such as the IAPAE and IPAO. It promotes student organization by PA students such as IFPACS.

The ENPAE respects the fields of activity and areas of responsibility of national and international professional associations of the Physician Assistant / Physician Associate and supports and advises them on questions of university education. Furthermore it seeks collaboration with them on mutual matters of profession and education

This letter of intent is a declaration of willingness to organize the establishment of an ENPAE. A negotiation of details is reserved.

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