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Renew your membership online before **February 28, 2017** and be entered into the early bird draw to win a Bose Soundlink Colour Bluetooth Speaker courtesy of The Personal Insurance Company.

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- And much more!

Visit capa-acam.ca and register today!

Raising Awareness of the Value of PAs

CAPA will be producing a French version of the [Canada Needs PAs video](#), which was showcased during CAPA 2016 and National PA Day. We anticipate the French version being available in early spring. This will help us make inroads in regions that speak primarily French, including Quebec. A communication will be sent out with a link to the video. It will also be posted on our website and social media platforms.

Support in NB

Earlier this month CAPA met with the New Brunswick Medical Society (NBMS) to discuss support for the expansion of the profession in the province. Until recently, there has been minimal dialogue regarding the NBMS's support for the profession. The NBMS understands the value that PAs can offer to the health system and has confirmed their support for PAs in various specialties within the province. They have committed to assist CAPA in their discussions with government.

As you may be aware the Premier of NB conveyed his support for PAs through a formal statement addressed to the National President and in social media for [National PA Day](#). We have made outreach to his office to discuss the expansion of the profession in New Brunswick.

Demonstrating the Value of PAs

CAPA continues to work with the Conference Board of Canada to complete their study on the Value of PAs in Canadian Healthcare.

We have established a working group of PAs to review the reports. This will help to ensure that the information included in the two remaining publications is accurate and appropriately reflects the current status of the profession in Canada.

Both reports will be published this spring. The results will help us continue to raise awareness of the value of PAs in healthcare and will assist in discussions with government regarding the introduction of PAs into new jurisdictions, as well as their expansion in provinces where they are already practicing.



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Raising Awareness for PAs

CAPA has produced an awareness video about PAs in Canada. This was distributed with the launch of our advocacy campaign this past November. We encourage you to continue to use this tool to promote your profession on your social media networks as well as in your workplace. Many of you have video projectors/screens in your clinic settings and waiting rooms. This is an ideal location to use the video to showcase your role to patients. We have included the link to the video below.

<https://vimeo.com/190732059>

We can also send you an electronic copy on a memory stick upon request. Please contact Natalie St-Pierre at: nst-pierre@capa-acam.ca if you would like to receive a memory stick with the video included. Please note * the French video will be ready for distribution this spring.

CAPA 2017 Call for Speakers

CAPA is pleased to announce that we will now be accepting abstracts for proposed presentations to be given during CAPA 2017 in Ottawa, ON. If you or someone you know such as your supervising physician may be interested in presenting, please apply. Deadline for submissions is March 13th. For more information, please [click here](#).

Continuing Professional Development

For any questions with regards to the CPD Tracking Tool, we encourage you to refer to the list of FAQs under CPD of the PACCC section of the CAPA website. If you have any further questions or require any assistance, please contact Sandra Bourgon, PACCC Manager of Certification at (877)744-2272 or at certification@capa-acam.ca.

Please **do not** contact the Royal College directly as you will simply be redirected to PACCC.

Professional Liability Insurance – Ensuring Peace of Mind

CAPA membership provides exclusive access to discounted professional liability coverage through Marsh. The CAPA group liability insurance plan offers **individual** coverage specifically tailored to your practice for up to \$10,000,000 per incident and in the event of a claim, provides up to \$100,000 in legal expenses. Other group plans from hospitals or clinics may not offer the same coverage. Ensure that you are protected - [Sign up](#) today!

Job Shadowing for Future PA Students

CAPA member, Catherine Duffin is working to facilitate job shadowing opportunities for undergraduate students who are applying to the Physician Assistant Education Programs in Ontario. She is seeking assistants from fellow PAs to help with this initiative. She is looking for PAs who are willing to allow students shadow them in their workplace. This would be a relatively small commitment and would involve having a student shadow you in your workplace for one day. This would offer valuable experience and provide applicants with the opportunity to gain a true understanding of the profession. If you are interested, please email: catherine.duffin@medportal.ca. Be sure to include your name, location and specialty. Rest assured your information will be treated confidentially and will not be shared with students.



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Job Listings

Opportunities exist in Hamilton, Brantford, Vaughan, Burlington, Calgary, Belleville, Trenton, and Maine, USA. To view the job descriptions, visit the [job listings](#) section on the CAPA website.

Take Advantage of our Exclusive Membership Benefits

Online registration for GoodLife is now available! Sign-up today to receive a discounted rate of \$499 annually, which is about \$40/month or you can sign-up bi-weekly for \$24. There is no time commitment required if you sign-up at the bi-weekly rate.

Are you in need of financial planning services or regulatory and legal assistance? Investors Group and Weinman Arnold, LLP are offering 30 minute free consultations to CAPA members. In addition, stay tuned for a series of complimentary seminars offered by these professional groups.

New Member Benefit!

Taking a trip this winter? If so, be sure to use your newest CAPA member benefit with Park’N Fly and receive discounted rates for airport parking. [Visit the member’s area to learn more about these benefits and receive the discount code.](#)



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