Covid-19 Town Hall April 7, 2020

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Physician Assistants (PAs) Provide Patient Care

• **Physician Assistants (PAs) practice medicine**, provide patient care with physicians in all medicine specialties

• **Nationally**: 139,000 PAs

• **250 PA programs in USA**

• **Chapman PA Studies Program**: 2-year program, 50 students/year

• **Faculty**: 8 PA Faculty, 6 PAs and 2 MDs

• **Alumni**: 58 PA graduates, working in all areas of medicine
Patient Care During Covid-19 Pandemic

- **Non-Covid-19 patients need care:** Occupational Medicine provides emergency medical services to injured employees/patients, screening physical examinations/clearance, pulmonary function testing, vaccinations, and chronic care medical management to injuries sustained in the workplace.

- **Goal:** improve health, get employee/patients safely back to work

- **Medical providers wear personal protective equipment, aka PPE** (face masks, goggles, gloves, gowns) and practice careful handwashing per CDC guidelines with soap and water for 20 seconds before/after patient care. Clinical medicine still goes on, and we provide needed healthcare services

- **Limit non-essential patient and fellow employee interaction**
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Resources

• Follow CDC Guidelines
  (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

• Review Chapman University Coronavirus website daily
  (news.chapman.edu/coronavirus)

• Updates: Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA)
  (occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc)

• Johns Hopkins University & Medicine Coronavirus Resource Center
  (coronavirus.jhu.edu)