

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)