

**Wallington Family Practice is very proud to
have 2 PAs in their clinical team**

Rebekah Ohene

Rebekah qualified at St Georges University of London as a PA in 2015.

She joined our team in 2019, having worked in haematology, acute medicine and A&E.

She has a special interest in mental health and undertakes some of our health checks for patients with mental illness. She also supports the development of PA students on the MSc PA Studies Programme at Brighton & Sussex Medical School.

Liz Smith

Liz qualified at St Georges University London as a PA in 2019.

She joined our team in 2019, having work in radiotherapy and oncology as a treatment radiographer in her previous role.

She has a special interest in learning disabilities and cancer and she undertakes some of our health checks and reviews in these areas.

You may be offered both urgent and routine appointments with our PAs and they may also visit you at home if you are housebound and need a review.

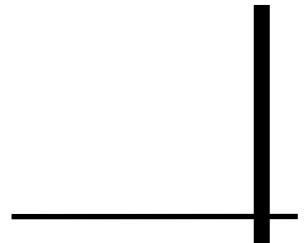


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**An Introduction
to the
Physician Associate**



What are Physician Associates (PAs)?

PAs are healthcare professionals with a generalist medical education who work alongside doctors and surgeons to provide medical care as an integral part of the multi-disciplinary team. They work under the supervision of a doctor but can also work autonomously with appropriate support.

The first PAs were introduced in 2003.

What do they do?

PAs are trained to work within a defined scope of practice and limits of competence to perform the following duties:

- take medical histories from patients
- carry out physical examinations
- see patients with undifferentiated diagnoses
- see patients with long-term chronic conditions
- carry out diagnostic and therapeutic procedures
- develop and deliver appropriate treatment and management plans
- request and interpret diagnostic studies
- provide health promotion and disease prevention advice

Physician Associate Education & Training?

The Physician Associate training is based on the "Competence & Curriculum Framework for Physician Associates" (DOH 2012).

This two year full time postgraduate training consists of intensive theoretical learning in medical science and clinical reasoning as well as over 1400 hours of clinical placement experience in community and acute care settings.

To enroll on a PA programme, students must already hold an undergraduate degree, usually in a biomedical or health/life science field and have some prior health or social care experience.

Wallington Family Practice is a training practice for PA students from the St Georges programme in both years 1 and 2.

How do they fit in the NHS?

A PA might work in a GP surgery or be based in hospital but wherever they work they will have direct contact with patients.