PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

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PAs in Ophthalmology

• Video Comments from the experts
A 14 year retrospective study of recruitment, hiring, training and feasibility of developing an integrated model to successfully incorporate Physician Assistants to work side by side with Optometrists, general Ophthalmologists, fellowship trained Ophthalmologists and Opticians.
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81,000 certified Physician Assistants

- 75 are in ophthalmology (this is less than 1/10th of 1%) 21 in 1997, 68 in 2010
- Great opportunity
- Is there a place for PAs in Ophthalmology?

Why such a small number?
- Training is by far the largest and maybe the only reason not to seek out a PA
- At this time the practice must train the PA themselves

in the News

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Discuss the many Considerations and Ideas

- Contract Terms
- Profit Margins
- Safety and Risk Management
- Practice Styles
- Training
- Physician Extender
- Hospital Privileges
- Legal Issues
- Retail Opportunities
- State to State Legislation
- Threat to Success
- Aging Population

Questions and Comments