



# Physician Assistant History Society

Honoring our History; Ensuring our Future

## Exclusively for PA Program Associates

The **Educational Toolkit** on the history and legacy of the Physician Assistant Profession is a compendium of PowerPoint™ slides, photographs, and video clips that can be integrated into personalized lectures or a series of self-directed learning modules. Also included is a syllabus of major themes that can be explored using the PAHx website and test questions for each module. The **Educational Toolkit** is a continuum of the PAHx Society's efforts to make the history of the PA profession come alive, and to be meaningful and inspirational for future generations of PAs.



The following five self-directed learning modules are included in the **Educational Toolkit**:

### ***Learning Module #1: Why PAs?***

Included in this module are the major events that occurred in America during the first half of the 20th century that led to a crisis in health care delivery in the 1950s. It explains how former military corpsmen came to be formally educated and used as physician assistants beginning in the mid-1960s.

### ***Learning Module #2: Creating a Unified Profession***

Included in this module are the major events of the formation of the organizations that have helped to provide the foundations of organizational development, accreditation of PA programs, and certification of graduates to help assure the public in this change in the delivery of health care services.

### ***Learning Module #3: We Didn't Do This by Ourselves***

This module provides an appreciation that the PA profession has been supported by the leadership from many other medical professions. It explains how physicians, nurses, policy makers and politicians came to support and maximize the development and regulation of PAs across clinics, agencies, schools and hospitals.

### ***Learning Module #4: Negotiating Roles Alliances and Boundaries Overtime***

Included in this module are the key factors that allow PAs the flexibility and privilege to practice across a wide spectrum of clinical settings and specialties.

### ***Learning Module #5: Some Extraordinary Physician Assistants***

This module provides an appreciation of the opportunities PAs have to improve the health and well-being of targeted populations of patients in their communities. PAs will be encouraged to be actively involved in the continued growth and development of the physician assistant profession as participating members of the professional PA organizations.