



# Historical Happenings

Newsletter of the Physician Assistant History Society

## Message from the President



Maryann F. Ramos, MPH,  
PA-C Emeritus

It was a pleasure to meet with my PA colleagues during the recent PAEA Forum in Washington, DC. The PAHx Trustees and staff enjoyed speaking with PA faculty regarding the educational resources that the Society has developed for those who teach the history of the profession. I also enjoyed participating with the *Project Access* group, which visited students at a local DC STEM high school. In addition to speaking with these bright young students, we joined them as they celebrated Latino Heritage month in the school auditorium. I donated copies of the Society’s popular “Gasoline Alley” comic book for the students to learn about the exciting adventures of Chipper Wallet, PA-C!

I thank everyone who joined the PA History Society for our group visit to the *National Museum of African American History & Culture* just prior to the PAEA Forum. The museum exhibits offer a historical reminder of the African American values, like



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resiliency, optimism and spirituality, and how they shaped our country’s history and culture.

During the PAEA Forum, I joined many others who visited Capitol Hill. Christopher Stewart (Director of AAPA’s State Advocacy group) and I met with Ross Dietrich, the Puerto Rico Legislative Director, regarding the PA Law 71 that was passed in Puerto Rico last year, although it has not yet been implemented.

Lastly, as I complete my tenure as Board President this year, I would like to thank the PAHx Trustees and staff for their work and dedication in preserving and sharing the legacy of the PA profession.

## History of PAs in the Indian Health Service, in the beginning...

*LCDR Benjamin Olmedo, IHS Chief Clinical Consultant for PAs*

As the Chief Clinical Consultant for Physician Assistants, I believe it is important to increase knowledge and awareness about opportunities to meet the critical healthcare needs of underserved and vulnerable populations. As someone who cares equally deeply about the health of indigenous people and the physician assistant (PA) profession, I believe there are unique opportunities for PAs to improve healthcare outcomes by using optimal team-based practice and empowering PAs to serve in leadership positions. This article is a first step, for we can only know where we are going if we understand where we have been.

The full history of the Indian Health Service is beyond the scope of this article, but it is important to understand that innovation and resourcefulness, coupled with federal legislation and tribal sovereignty, have been vital to improving the health of tribal communities and addressing multiple healthcare disparities.<sup>1,2,3</sup> One example is the early adoption of the PA model through the Community Health Medic (CHM) program, which was based on prior experiences developing and implementing the successful Community Health Representative (CHR) and Community Health Aide Programs (CHAP).<sup>1</sup>

CHRs were created to provide health outreach, education, first aid and home health care services within tribal communities. In contrast, CHAPs were selected from within their local rural villages and trained to provide basic healthcare with the guidance and supervision of a physician – often provided remotely via radio communication. These two programs were the building blocks for the CHM program, in which American Indian and Alaska Native veterans who served as combat medics or corpsman in Vietnam were trained as healthcare providers to serve tribal communities. The initial concept of the CHM program, as described in *Caring and Curing: A History of the Indian Health Service*, was to extend health services to remote locations,

where it was hard to retain a physician. The Community Health Medic Program did so by training and supporting CHMs to work independently as “general practitioners” to provide primary, preventative and emergency care to tribal communities while expediting referrals for more complex medical cases. CHMs could also be assigned to IHS hospitals to increase efficiency and allow physicians to focus on the more complex medical cases.

The first class of 30 CHMs began training in 1971, with a class of 10 at Phoenix Indian Medical Center and 20 at Gallup Indian Medical Center. The graduates of the inaugural class of 1973 were assigned as physician assistants to IHS hospitals and remote clinic sites. Many CHMs became the most trusted, respected and preferred health care providers in their communities.<sup>1</sup> The CHM training program was eventually phased out in the early 1980’s due to a decreasing number of veteran applicants and the impact of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976. That Act authorized funding for healthcare professional training at institutions of higher learning. However, during its brief tenure, the CHM program bridged healthcare gaps and validated the concept that PAs can work independently and autonomously in some of the most remote and challenging locations where PAs continue to serve today.

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\*\* The second article regarding *PAs in the IHS*, can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

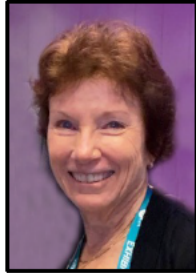
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[www.pahx.org](http://www.pahx.org)!

**In Her Own Words:**

**Deborah Atherton Gerbert, MS, PA-C**

*Marilyn Fitzgerald, Honorary PA*

Debi Gerbert has served on the PA History Society Board of Trustees since 2015, serving as the Board Secretary-Treasurer from 2017-2018 and Board President-Elect during calendar year 2019. When she assumes the presidency on January 1, 2020, Debi will be the chief volunteer leader of the PAHx, serving as the chief spokesperson, representing the interests of the Society and overseeing the implementation of the Society’s bylaws, vision, mission and strategic plan. Debi has over 35 years of other PA professional leadership experience with the American Academy of Physician Assistants – Student Academy Secretary (1988-89), House of Delegates Speaker (1991-93) and President (1994-95); Florida Academy of Physician Assistants – President (1984-85); Physician Assistant Foundation – Treasurer (2015-17) among other multiple committee and professional health organization appointments. She and her husband Jeff are parents to adult daughter, Kim, and live in sunny Florida. Her biography may be found here on the [PAHX website](#).



**As you embark on the PAHX presidency in January 2020, what ONE project are you most interested in implementing?**

I am most excited about completion of the new PA history book. It will describe many facets of the profession’s history as it relates to a common theme, which you will have to read to discover. I am in awe of the amount of work the volunteer editor and authors are committing to this project.

**You’ve been a leader in the PA profession for over 35 years. What leadership achievement gives you the most satisfaction?**

I have held many varying leadership roles since my student years in 1979. The years I am proudest of were spent as Speaker of the House of Delegates. It was very exciting to lead the group of representatives from across the country in debating policies affecting

the profession. We have shaped the profession and made it what it is today by the debates and actions taken there.

**Your PA clinical work has focused on pediatrics. What drew you to that specialty?**

I have only ever worked in pediatrics mostly because of the joy I receive interacting with children. They are just fun to be around. Children rarely feign illness; you can trust what they say and can tell when they are feeling better. And most of the conditions they develop that bring them to your attention are not iatrogenic, like in adults.

**What is your favorite PA history memory?**

My favorite PA history moment was when the state of Mississippi finally signed legislation giving PAs the right to practice there. We finally were recognized in all 50 states! That was a big moment.

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**PA History Society Co-Founder and Historian Emeritus Receives PAEA Lifetime Achievement Award!**

*Lori Konopka-Sauer, BS*

PA History Society’s Co-Founder and Historian Emeritus Reginald Carter, PhD, PA, received the prestigious **2019 PAEA Lifetime Achievement Award** during the PAEA Forum which was held this past October in Washington, DC. Dr. Carter has spent 45 years educating, working with, and advocating for the PA profession. As an early PA educator, Carter has supported and facilitated



*(Photo L to R: Sherry Carter, Reginald Carter and Penny Carter King)*

many causes that have made the PA concept one of the greatest medical innovations of the 20th century. As co-founder of the PA History Society, Carter had

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the foresight to preserve the unique and rich history of the PA profession and understood the importance of sharing that history with the growing PA population, noting that to advance the profession you must first know its past. Always forward thinking, Carter became concerned about making sure the history of the profession would be kept for future generations. This led to him creating the Physician Assistant History Office at Duke in 2001. In 2002, Carter and J. Jeffrey Heinrich co-founded the Society for the Preservation of Physician Assistant History (known as the *PA History Society*). Carter served as the executive director and historian of the Society from 2002 – 2007. Under Carter's leadership, the PA History Society grew substantially, and for his pioneering efforts, the Society bestowed upon him the title of Historian Emeritus in 2008. Please click on Dr. Carter's [biography here](#) to learn more about his contributions to the PAHx and the PA profession and to watch his PAEA Lifetime Achievement Award acceptance speech.

## Indian Health Service PAs Today

*CDR Tim McCreary*

As of 2019, there are approximately 250 physician assistants (PAs) meeting the health care needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives in the Indian Health Service (IHS), which includes 40 Commissioned Corps Officers and 70 Civil Service PAs. These PAs fill multiple clinical roles in multi-disciplinary hospitals, urban health centers, rural and remote critical access hospitals as well as serving as the sole medical providers in rural village clinics. Just because these PAs work in geographic isolation does not mean they work alone; IHS provides needed support and instruction to PAs wherever they work, and PAs are well prepared to meet these challenges.

Physician assistants working in the IHS are essential members of a multidisciplinary team fulfilling the daily mission of care provision. The same time they improve the quality of medical care provided to American Indians and Alaska Natives, many of whom suffer from illnesses and diseases at

rates several times higher than the overall US population.<sup>1-3</sup> In these roles they offer comprehensive care, continuity of care, coordination of care and are fully engaged in the quality improvement process.

PAs are trained to recognize their limits and to collaborate with other health care providers, including physicians, to deliver safe and effective health care that is consistent with the standards of care. There is growing evidence that care provided by PAs, in collaboration with physicians, enjoys the same or better outcomes as care provided by physicians alone.<sup>4-6</sup>

IHS recently published an expanded Scope of Practice policy that supports the many roles of PAs within the IHS in performing clinical and educational, administrative, and supervisory duties.<sup>7</sup> With this change, IHS is recognizing PAs as autonomous medical providers. This allows PAs to practice at the full scope of their experience and training, acknowledging them as fully responsible for the care they provide. Essentially, the updated IHS PA Scope of Practice policy is returning to the initial concept created for the first PAs trained to work in the IHS under the Community Health Medic program.<sup>8</sup>

IHS values the high quality and cost-effective care provided by PAs and recognizes the importance of continuing medical education (CME) in keeping them current. The new physician assistant chapter in the Indian Health Manual expresses that commitment by directing facilities to fund CME activities for each PA provider.

IHS now offers PAs a number of benefits to aid in recruitment and retention of these valuable providers. The incentives include loan repayment, competitive salaries, relocation allowance, and even retention bonuses (at qualifying locations).

There are 2.2 million Native Americans who live in metropolitan, urban, and rural settings that IHS serves. Regardless of where they live, IHS PAs fill an essential role in the ongoing mission “to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.”<sup>1</sup>

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The Indian Health Service presents a remarkable opportunity for a PA who is looking for stimulating clinical work that makes a powerful positive impact on an underserved population, in a supportive and collaborative environment.

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**Mission:** To share the history of the development of the PA profession and illustrate how PAs continue to make a difference in our society.

**Vision:** The PA History Society brings PA history to life by inspiring the next generation of PAs, patients and policymakers.

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**What are you reading right now?**

I am in a book club with neighborhood women and am reading the assigned book, *You Against Us* by Frederick Bachman. We read the book *Beartown*, to which this is a sequel. I also love John Grisham and never miss one of his.

**Who is your hero and why?**

I do not have a hero that I have personally met, but someone I consider a hero is Nelson Mandela. His strength of character and commitment to a cause in the face of adversity is beyond belief. I admire how he could be so positive and forgiving given his life circumstances.

**What do you do in your spare time?**

In my spare time I enjoy being outside. I like to play golf, ride my bike, go to the beach, and walk our dog. I have lived most of my life in Florida and these are activities we can do year-round.

**What advice would you give your younger self related to fun?**

I had plenty of fun in my youth and need no advice in that area! I should probably ask my younger self for advice now.

**What inspires you today?**

I am a positive, optimistic person by nature. Today I am inspired by the cool weather that has finally made its way to north Florida. But deeper than that, I am inspired by many things. My co-workers in the hospital are inspiring as they care for children 24/7. I am inspired by the individuals running for the Democratic Presidential nomination as they demonstrate their commitment to change in Washington and across the country. And I am inspired by athletes in all sports who work hard, excel at something and entertain us.

**If you were granted three wishes, what would they be?**

To play a par round of golf, have all children born to parents who love and appreciate them, and for everyone to be kind to one another.

## From the Archives: Stories from PAs

*Michelle Schabowski, MSIS, PAHx Archivist*

The PA History Society is not only an archive of *things* but also an archive of stories. These stories can be found on our website in the form of oral history interviews, in biographies, but also in memoirs.

On the Collection and Exhibits page of our website, you may read many inspiring stories written by PAs, such as:

John Braun writes of his encounters with President John F. Kennedy in [My Two Days with JFK](#).

[The formation of the AAPA Veterans Caucus is told in A Firsthand Account of the Founding of the AAPA Veterans Caucus](#) by Kenneth Harbert. Harbert also tells the story of [The Creation of God Loves the Grunt](#), the painting that became synonymous with the Veterans Caucus, and the [Origin of the Veterans Caucus Awards Plaque](#).

Lt Michael Muni and Capt Robin Hunter-Buskey tell the story of Liberian PA Alvin Davis and the 2015 Ebola Outbreak in [Physician Assistants the World Over: Alvin's Story](#).

Dr. Eugene Stead Jr. might be known as the “father” of the physician assistant profession, but Ann Bliss introduces us to the profession’s “uncle” in [Physician Assistant Pioneer: William G. Anlyan](#).

The partnership that inspired the PA profession is recounted by PAHx Historian Emeritus Reginald Carter in [A Prototypical MD/PA Practice](#).

There are many more stories on our [Collection & Exhibits](#) page, and if audio visual storytelling is more your thing, we also have PAs telling their personal stories in their own words on our [Oral History](#) page.

November, among many other national observances, is also National Life Writing Month. Why not give writing your own brief memoir a try?



## Flashback: 1969 – 50 YEARS AGO

*Marilyn Fitzgerald, Honorary PA*

While the PA profession was making its own history in 1969, two years after the profession was established, the United States of America was making its own history.

### 1969 PA Profession History Highlights

Visit the PAHx Timeline <https://pahx.org/period02/>

- [Richard Smith](#), MD, launched the [MEDEX program](#) at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA, in partnership with the Washington State Medical Association. It was designed to rapidly deploy ex-military corpsmen to rural primary care practices throughout the Northwest.
- The American Hospital Association and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals released a report on the "Utilization of Physician's Assistants in the Hospital."
- At the request of the Assistant Secretary of Health, Roger O. Egeberg, [Alfred M. Sadler, Jr.](#), MD, and [Blair L. Sadler](#), JD, of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) completed an intensive nationwide survey of all licensed allied health occupations. Their report recommended that State Medical Practice Acts be amended to permit the practice of physician assistants under the supervision of a physician as long as both the PA and MD are responsible for these activities.

### 1969 American History Highlights

[\(https://www.historic-newspapers.co.uk/blog/a-year-in-history-timeline-of-1969-events/\)](https://www.historic-newspapers.co.uk/blog/a-year-in-history-timeline-of-1969-events/)

- Richard Milhous Nixon succeeded Lyndon Baines Johnson as the 37th President of the United States of America.

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- The US-North Vietnamese peace talks began in Paris.
- The Saturday Evening Post's last ever edition was published.
- The world's largest airplane The Boeing 747, made its first-ever commercial flight.
- James Earl Ray was sentenced to 99 years in jail for assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Dr. Denton Cooley implanted the first temporary artificial heart in Houston, Texas
- Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
- New York's Stonewall Inn, an underground gay bar, was raided by police. For three days, 400 to 1,000 patrons rioted against police -- known as The Stonewall Rebellion -- considered the birth of the modern LGBT movement.
- U.S. troops began withdrawal from South Vietnam.
- Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the Moon.
- In New York, The Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened with over 400,000 attendees.
- Marine 6 began transmitting far-encounter photos of Mars.
- The first Automatic Teller Machine in the US was installed in Rockville Center, NY.
- The US Government held its first draft lottery since WWII.
- "Sesame Street," the preschool education TV program, was first aired on public broadcasting TV stations.
- A report by the US Food and Drug Administration was released claiming birth control pills are safe.
- The internet was conceived when two letters were transmitted online and a Request For Comments (RFC 1) was published.

## Pop Quiz: Do You Know Your PA History?

Test your knowledge of PA history by answering this question:

**Which of the following advantages were gained by PAs with the passage of federal health care laws in the 1970s that were intended to improve access and quality of care to medically disadvantaged communities?**

1. They opened the door for PAs to prescribe and dispense medications
2. They provided the ability for PAs to work in satellite clinics without immediate physician supervision
3. They allowed PAs to get reimbursed directly for services rendered to patients
4. They relieved the liability burden of physician/PA team practices in medically disadvantage communities

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 1 and 3
- C. 2 and 4
- D. 4 only
- E. 1, 2, 3 and 4

**Note:** This question is one from **Module Two: Creating a Unified Profession**. Goal 4. Explain the impact that federal and foundation funding had in the development of the physician assistant profession.

It is one of many found in the Educational Toolkit modules that the PA History Society has produced to assist PA educational programs in fulfilling their obligation (as detailed in the ARC-PA Standards of Accreditation)"...to instruct their students in the PA profession, its historical development, and current trends..." The Toolkit is available to PAHx Associates. Learn more about the [PAHx Associate benefits here](#).

### QUIZ ANSWER

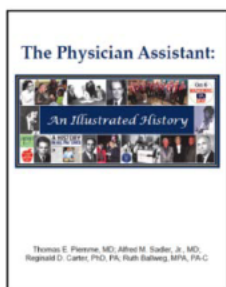
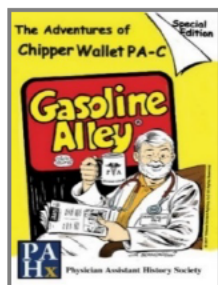
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**Need a holiday gift for that special PA in your life?  
Check out these unique ideas!**

**Special Edition Chipper Wallet, PA-C Comic Book:**

Check out this special edition comic book featuring PA Chipper Wallet of *Gasoline Alley*©. The comic book follows Chipper over the span of 50 years, from his experiences in the military, his adventures as a PA student and finally to his days as a pioneering PA working in a family practice clinic in his hometown. Chipper’s story historically parallels that of other former military corpsmen who became PAs.



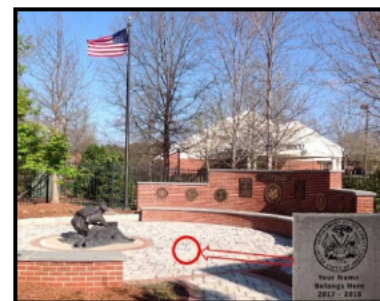
**The Physician Assistant: An Illustrated History book**

Flip through the history of the many people, places, and events that propelled the concept of the physician assistant from its inception at Duke University in 1965 to its position as a major force in American medicine today. It is an excellent educational resource for anyone interested in learning about the history of the PA profession.

An eBook version is also available of *The Physician Assistant: An Illustrated History*. You can order a Kindle version of the book through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) [here](#).

**Honor a military or uniformed services PA with an engraved paver at the only PA Veterans Garden**

The Eugene A. Stead, Jr. Center for Physician Assistants in Durham, NC is the only PA Veterans Garden in the country! The patio surrounding the life-size bronze statue “*Life Savers Then...Care Givers Now*” only has space remaining for 30 additional pavers. The Garden honors PAs who have served, or are currently serving, in the uniformed services of our country; especially the former medical corpsmen who became PAs and pioneered the profession 50 years ago. Visit the [PAHx website](http://www.pahx.org) for more information.



**Whatever you do this holiday season, make time for PA history!**

Proudly show your support for both the PA History Society and the preservation of your profession’s rich history by wearing our exclusive **Timeless Lapel Pin!** For more information on these and other PA gift ideas, visit [www.pahx.org](http://www.pahx.org) and click on the “Support Us” Tab located on the Main Menu.



**Pop Quiz: Do You Know Your PA History?**

*Correct Answer: A*

**Feedback:** The advantages of federal health care laws passed during the 1970s, such as the Rural Health Act and the Rural Health Clinics Acts of 1977, were that they enhanced the ability of PAs to (1) work in satellite clinics without immediate physician supervision, (2) prescribe and dispense medications, and (3) get reimbursed for services rendered, especially to Medicare and Medicaid patients seen in Rural Health Clinics. These laws had no impact on liability issues associated with team practice.



## Be a Part of the Society's "Circle of Friends"!

Help us continue doing our important work of sharing the rich history of the PA profession and the important contributions that PAs have made.

**Individuals** may support the PAHx by becoming a **"Friend"** of the Society (January 1 – December 31) with an annual donation of \$100 or more (tax deductible). Your name will be listed on the [PA History Society Friends webpage](#) and you will get a special shout out on our social media sites!

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Associates also receive a digital seal to proudly display your support of the PA History Society on

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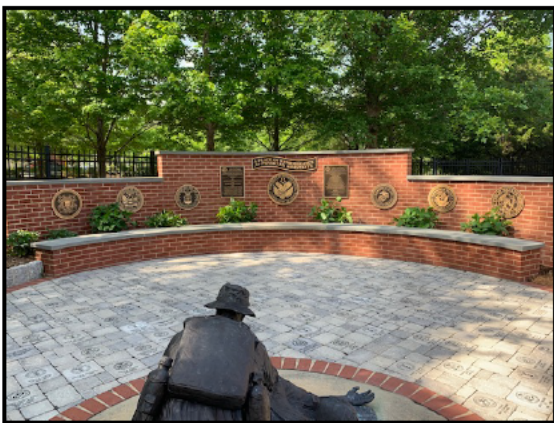
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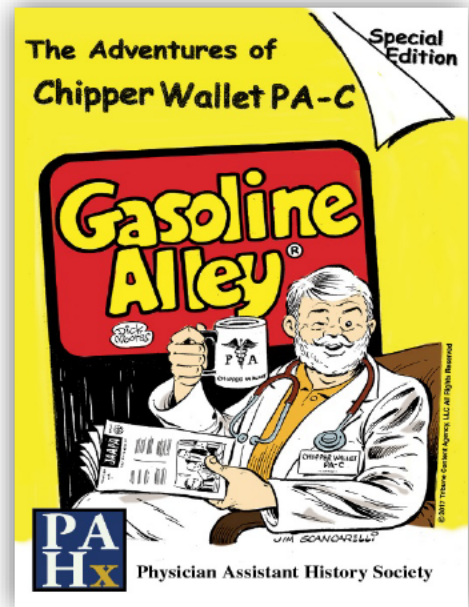
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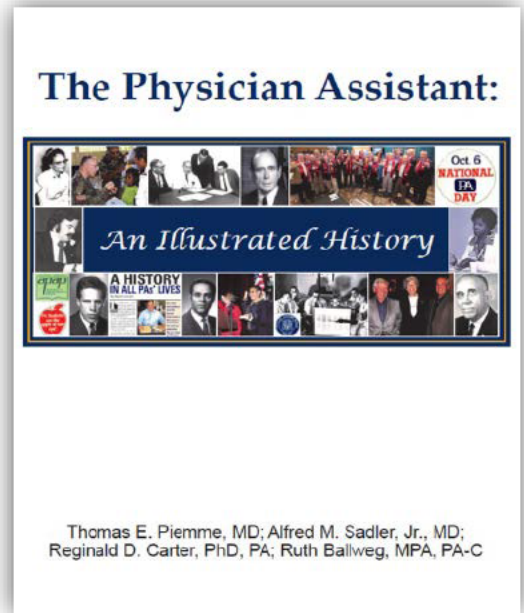
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