8 FACTS ABOUT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS FOR PATIENTS
More than 100,000 certified PAs practice medicine in the U.S. PAs can take your medical history, conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, and develop treatment plans.
The number of PAs in practice has just about DOUBLED every decade since the first PAs graduated in 1967.
Nearly $\frac{1}{3}$ of PAs practice in primary care.
PAs in training complete more than 2,000 hours of clinical rotations, with an emphasis on primary care in ambulatory clinics, physician offices, and acute or long-term care facilities.
37% of PAs practice in hospital settings

40% practice in office-based private practices.
37% of PAs work in medically underserved counties in the U.S.
PAs prescribe medication in all states.
The average PA treats 3,500 patients annually and writes 2,600 to 5,200 prescriptions each year.