



AAENP Response to the “Joint Statement Regarding Post-Graduate Training for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants”

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The American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP) was founded in 2014 by two emergency nurse practitioners and a board-certified emergency physician. The original mission “to promote high quality, evidence-based practice for NPs providing emergency care for all patients in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team” has not changed. Given our continued efforts and partnerships with physician colleagues to establish standards for education and practice for nurse practitioners in emergency care, AAENP is disappointed in the “Joint Statement Regarding Post-Graduate Training for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants”.

In response to the diversity of nurse practitioner educational programs, AAENP is providing standardized and structured clinical and academic opportunities to prepare specialty nurse practitioners with the expertise to provide care within collaborative teams. Regardless of the semantics of training models, no title is owned by any profession. Increased availability of learning experiences must be viewed as an opportunity to embrace an interdisciplinary team and to meet the shared goal of improving the overall quality of patient care.

Despite debates regarding terminology, AAENP remains steadfast in our belief that patients benefit from full collaboration of all interprofessional providers in emergency care. The provision of safe patient care will only be accomplished in an environment of open dialogue, transparency, and respect for all emergency care colleagues.