

For Parents

Physician Associates work as part of the medical team to assist doctors in diagnosing and treating children at Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

Working with Consultants, we are able to safely evaluate and treat your child.

Although we work in medical teams, we are not doctors, we are here to help as part of the team and we can do this by:

- Obtaining histories about your child's illness
- Perform medical examinations
- Undertaking diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, such as blood tests and interpreting x-rays.
- Formulate management and treatment plans for your child, including arranging tests and recommending medicines.

How to find out more information about Physician Associates?

We are happy to help and answer any questions you may have.

Find out more about us and our role on:

- Faculty of Physician Associates
Website <https://www.fparcp.co.uk/>

Useful Links

For further information about **Physician Associates**, you can use the following links:

<https://www.fparcp.co.uk/>
[Healthcareers.nhs.uk](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk)

This leaflet only gives general information. You must always discuss the individual treatment of your child with the appropriate member of staff. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about your child's treatment.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats if requested.

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What is a Physician Associate?

Have you heard of a Physician Associate?

Do you know what one is?



This Leaflet has been designed to help educate children about a brand new medical professional who will be involved in all aspects of children's health, wellbeing and treatment.

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What is a Physician Associate?

You may have seen new staff working with doctors in the hospital.

We are known as Physician Associates, sometimes people call us Pas, and we work under supervision from a doctor.

- The Physician Associate is a new role within the NHS.
- We are trained medical staff who work with doctors.
- We make the team bigger, so there are more staff to look after you when you are feeling poorly.
- We all work together in a team to make sure you are happy and healthy.



Where can you find us?

Physician Associates work in all areas of Alder Hey.



What can a Physician Associate do?

- Ask you questions about your health.
- Check if your body is healthy
- Explain test results & make plans for you to be healthy
- Perform medical procedures - such as taking your blood.
- Give you and your family advice on how to stay healthy and safe.

We are growing

Our role is developing all the time! You will find more and more Physician Associates in the hospital when you come to visit us.

You can find us in lots of places

- **At your clinic appointment**
- **On the ward**
- **If you have an operation**
- **Or if you visit ED**

If you find one of us come over and say **“Hi!”**

We love getting to know more about you

