




November 6-8, 2023
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Veterans Affairs PA Association

2023 Annual Meeting & CME Conference



REGISTRATION

Save by registering early! Your registration fee includes all lectures, exhibits, networking, and lunches. Registration badges will be required for admission to all events. Advance registration for the conference and all social events is required to guarantee attendance for sessions and social functions.

The deadline to register for the meeting at the early bird rate is October 6, 2023. **Online Registration Closes on October 31st.** Based on availability, limited on-site registration for the conference will be available after October 31, 2023 for an additional \$25 fee.

REGISTER NOW >



CONFIRMATION

Upon receipt of your conference registration form and payment, a confirmation will be emailed to the email address on the registration form.

REFUND POLICY

The deadline for refund requests is October 6, 2023. Registration refunds will be made for cancellations received on or before October 6, 2023, via email to leadership@vapaa.org; however, a \$50 administrative fee will be retained. No-shows and registrations canceled after October 6, 2023, will not be refunded. *Special circumstances may be taken into consideration.*

CME CREDIT

This activity has been reviewed by the AAPA Review Panel and is compliant with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 26 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation. Approval is valid from 11/6/2023 to 11/8/2023. AAPA reference number: CME-209895. **Please note: Attendees can obtain 25 hours of Category 1 CME through the sessions, and Lead PAs are able to obtain 1 additional hour through the Lead PA Session.**



REGISTRATION FEES

	Early Bird (6/15 - 10/6)	Regular Price (10/7 - 10/31)	On Site (11/5 - 11/8)
VAPAA Member	\$ 350	\$ 450	\$ 475
Non Member	\$ 450	\$ 550	\$ 575

EXHIBITORS

This year's conference will feature exhibits of interest to PAs working in the VA! The exhibit area will be open Tuesday, November 7th from 7:30 am - 7:30 pm. Attendees are encouraged to spend time visiting with the exhibitors throughout the meeting.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Monday, November 6th

8:00 am - 6:00 pm CME Lectures
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm VAPAA Member Luncheon

Tuesday, November 7th

7:30 am - 8:00 am Coffee with Exhibitors
8:00 am - 5:45 pm CME Lectures
5:45 pm - 7:30 pm Welcome Reception

Wednesday, November 8th

8:00 am - 4:30 pm CME Lectures

ATTIRE

Coat and tie are not required for any function. Resort/casual attire in good taste is entirely appropriate and suggested. Dress comfortably and be ready to learn!! **NOTE: Due to the ever-changing temperatures in meeting rooms, sweaters or jackets may be desired.**



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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS &

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The VAPAA group rate is \$189 per night. The rate is good through October 13, 2023, OR when the room block is full; whichever comes first. Included in your room rate is:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel
- Free Hot Breakfast, Daily
- Free 5:30 Kickback Happy Hour
- Business Center, Pool, Hot Tub & Fitness Center

To make your reservation, call 800.325.0720 and tell them you are with the VAPAA 2023 CME Conference (Group Code 10041847) to get our special room rate.

Also, you can book online by clicking [HERE](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Proper documentation establishing tax-exempt status must be provided by at least October 1, 2023. The Hotel has the final decision of establishing tax-exempt status.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the closest airport to fly into?

The closest airport is the Orlando International Airport (MCO.) It's about 20 miles from the hotel.

Is there a shuttle between the airport and the hotel?

At this time, there is no shuttle that runs between Drury Plaza and MCO. Uber, Lyft, and Taxis run between the airport and the hotel. Depending on volume at any given time, expect to spend about \$30 for a rideshare from the hotel.

ORLANDO ENTERTAINMENT & ATTRACTIONS

Visit Orlando

Visit Orlando is The Official Tourism Association for Orlando, Florida. Check out attractions, events, and more.

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Disney Springs - 0.5 Mi

Disney Springs is a mix of unique boutiques, one-of-a-kind eateries, and jaw-dropping entertainment that will have you wondering where the day went. [Learn more.](#)

Walt Disney World Theme Parks - 5.0 -8.0 Mi

the resort spans nearly 25,000 acres and includes four theme parks—Magic Kingdom, EPCOT, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom—two water parks, several golf courses, a camping resort, and the outdoor shopping center Disney Springs. [Learn More.](#)

Universal Studios Orlando - 9.0 Mi

Known for its immersive entertainment experiences, where visitors can step into the magical worlds of their favorite movies and TV shows. Universal Studios Florida offers an exciting blend of adrenaline-pumping adventures, family-friendly entertainment, and unforgettable moments of cinematic magic. [Learn More.](#)

LEGOLAND Florida Resort - 37.8 Mi

A family-friendly theme park dedicated to the world of LEGO. LEGOLAND offers a whimsical experience with a vibrant world built entirely from LEGO bricks. The park features numerous interactive attractions, including LEGO-themed rides, water parks, and play areas, where children and adults can unleash their creativity and immerse themselves in a world of imagination. [Learn More.](#)



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

7:00 AM	REGISTRATION	
8:00 AM	Viral Hepatitis	<i>Dawn Scott, PA-C</i>
9:00 AM	Mental Health Panel Discussion	<i>Kimberly Regnier, PA-C & Steven Mulik, PA-C</i>
10:00 AM	Snack Break	
10:30 AM	Epilepsy and Movement Disorder Surgery	<i>Heather Davis, PA-C</i>
11:30 AM	VA Stenosis Outcomes in Lumbar Instrumentation and Decompression (SOLID) Project	<i>Jon Champagne, PA-C</i>
12:30 PM	VAPAA Member Luncheon	
1:45 PM	VAPAA Advocacy Committee - Primer and Update	<i>Christopher Lorenc, MSPAS, PA-C</i>
2:45 PM	Non-Pharm Mgt of Behavioral & Psychological Symptoms of Dementia	<i>Michael Anderson, PA-C</i>
3:45 PM	Snack Break	
4:00 PM	The HUB Club - Who is the CRH	<i>Laura Lawrence, MPAS, PA-C</i>
5:00 PM	Amputee Services - Care Like no Other - VA	<i>Sheila A Walker, PA-C, MEd</i>
6:00 PM	Meeting of all Facility Chief PAs	<i>Led by: Kathy Howard, MPAS, PA-C</i>

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

7:15 AM	Coffee with Exhibitors	
7:45 AM	Colorectal Cancer Screening/Surveillance	<i>Gwen Robins, PA-C</i>
8:45 AM	Whole Health in the VHA	<i>Laura Bradley, PA-C</i>
9:45 AM	Snacks in the Exhibit Hall	
10:15 AM	Orthopedic Telemedicine Assessment for the Primary Care Provider	<i>William Vascik, PA-C</i>
11:15 AM	How to Interpret the VA Qualification Standards	<i>Kathy Howard, MPAS, PA-C</i>
12:15 PM	Lunch & Learn: Interactive Panel Discussion with Kathy Howard & Lead PAs	<i>Kathy Howard, MPAS, PA-C</i>
1:00 PM	Break with Exhibitors	
1:30 PM	Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Therapy (OPAT) - Convenient, Complex and Collaborative	<i>Katharine Breaux, PA-C</i>
2:30 PM	Keep Those Toes Tapping: A Guide to Lower Extremity Skin Disease	<i>Theresa Schimmels, PA-C, BCBS, DFAAPA</i>
3:30 PM	Snacks in the Exhibit Hall	
4:00 PM	Agent Orange Registries / PACT ACT	<i>Komal Mehta, PA-C</i>
5:00 PM	When the Thyroid Misbehaves	<i>Sonda O'Callahan</i>
6:00 PM	Welcome Reception with Exhibitors	

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

8:00 AM	The Pain in the Back	<i>Stephanie Murphy, PA-C</i>
9:00 AM	Inpatient Surgical Service Clinical Documentation Improvement	<i>Caroline Hoelscher, PA-C</i>
10:00 AM	Snack Break	
10:15 AM	Diagnostic and Procedural Ultrasound Basics: A Primer for the Non-Interventionalist	<i>Andrew Tokarsky, PA-C</i>
11:15 AM	Wound Care 101	<i>Laurin Mejia, PhD, PA-C, CWS</i>
12:15 PM	Non-CME Lunch, Sponsored by Merck	
1:15 PM	Easy Interpretation of Common Anemias	<i>Bonita Owen, MPAS, PA-C, DNP, AG-ACNP</i>
2:15 PM	The Initial Evaluation of Lung Nodules and the Lung Cancer Patient	<i>Matthew Vercauteren, PA-C</i>
3:15 PM	Snack Break	
3:30 PM	STEMI Impostors	<i>Tim Phalen w/ Stryker</i>

