



## Profession Updates

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There have been a lot of changes going on with regard to PA practice recently. The National Conference was completed in late May and I was delighted to see a National Fox News segment [on YouTube](#) featuring the American Academy of PAs President, Jennifer Orozco. She is discussing mental health and how to promote good mental healthcare for providers and patients after the stresses of the last two years. She discusses the use of PAs as healthcare providers to meet the nation's growing healthcare and mental healthcare needs. She also discusses some of the stressors healthcare providers have undergone over the pandemic and how to cooperate to meet each other's mental health challenges and that will facilitate meeting our patient's needs better. She also discusses administrative barriers that advanced practice providers face that make it harder to meet growing patient populations and medical demands in healthcare.

Now called Physician Associates, we had our national conference last week in Indianapolis and one of the main topics was provider burnout and how to meet the needs of healthcare workers nationwide, who are struggling to meet medical access needs in their state. She stressed creating partnerships with others in medicine and the recent partnership between the Indianapolis Colts and the American Academy of Physician Associates to highlight mental healthcare in the country.

If you want to know more about what it is PAs are doing and stay up to date with your colleagues, or how to support this profession, I highly recommend checking out the [American Academy of Physician Associates website](#).

Hope everyone is having a great summer so far and is doing whatever they can to destress, be productive and spend quality time with the loved ones and friends we missed over the last 2 years.

Cheers!

## WMC Featured at the FSMB Annual Meeting

WMC representatives attended the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) annual meeting in April where two important resolutions were passed. We encourage you to take a moment to familiarize yourself with these resolutions and [contact us](#) if you have any questions.

[The Appropriate Use of Telemedicine Technologies in the Practice of Medicine](#): There are numerous factors contributing to the increase of telemedicine being used in the practice of medicine. The greatest of these catalysts by far has been the global COVID-19 pandemic and resulting national public health emergency.

[Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Medical Regulation and Patient Care](#): This report recommends meaningful and achievable steps that state medical boards, the FSMB, and our partners in medical education, regulation and practice may wish to consider as action items to eliminate racism and bias from health care delivery.

**Melanie De Leon** (Executive Director) spoke on "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Are We Making Progress?"

**Micah Matthews** (Deputy Executive Director) spoke on the "Digital Credentials and the Future of Licensing" panel.

**Jimi Bush** (Director of Quality of Engagement) was a panelist for the "Communicating with Your Licensees: Strategies for State Medical Boards" session.

WMC featured a poster showcasing our Pathway Program for Internationally Trained Physicians. And finally – Jimi Bush was presented with the **Award of Merit** in recognition of her efforts to strengthen the profession of medical licensure and discipline and enhance public protection.

