

Thank you for being an OSPA member!

## Greetings!

Thank you for your support, here is a quick update on society activity. As always it is easy to log into the site for up-to-date information on all things OSPA. If you have forgotten your password, it will quickly be reset. Go to [www.oregonpa.org](http://www.oregonpa.org) for details.

Here is a reminder of our mission:

***To promote quality, cost effective, and accessible health care; to support the professional and personal development of physician assistants; and to advance the PA profession as well as the PA/MD team approach to health care.***

## Message from President Rachel Stappler PA-C

*"Oregon PAs - The Oregon Society of Physician Assistants (OSPA) is your PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY. We can only survive and grow with memberships, volunteers willing to devote some of their time and expertise on one of our committees or projects, and participation by PAs at educational events like our Fall CME (October 13 - 16, 2016).*

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Nominations accepted until September 1st



*As an organization we have done so much, and there is so much more to do. Until PAs can practice medicine like our NP and Physician counterparts, none of us can really rest and be totally satisfied with our current position. I'd love to hear your own thoughts about the OSPA. Please email me at [OSPA@oregonpa.org](mailto:OSPA@oregonpa.org). In the meantime, please mark your calendars for October 13-16 where I hope to meet you personally at the Fall CME at Salishan Resort.*

*Won't you please allow us to find a place for you within the OSPA, either as just a member or as an active volunteer in some way. There is plenty of room for us to work together to further the PA profession in Oregon and SW Washington."*

## Registration now open for Fall CME!

**"SEA-M-E at the Beach!"**  
**Save the Date for the OSPA Fall CME Conference**  
**Salishan Resort | Gleneden Beach, Oregon**  
**October 13 – 16, 2016**



[REGISTER HERE](#)

[SEE THE SCHEDULE](#)

[BOOK YOUR LODGING AND MENTION THIS EVENT FOR DISCOUNTED RATE](#)

**OSPA PA of the Year**

**Are you the one?  
Or, do you know  
someone who is?**

Nominations are now open for the OSPA PA of the Year at [www.oregonpa.org](http://www.oregonpa.org)

Nominations close on September 1, 2016.  
The awardee will be announced at the OSPA Fall CME at Salishan Resort this October!

[www.oregonpa.org](http://www.oregonpa.org)

**Nominate a PA mentor or co-worker who has demonstrated exemplary service to his/her community, the medical community at large, and who has furthered the image of PAs in our state.**

Criteria:

- Licensed to practice in OR.
- Not on The OSPA Board of Directors.

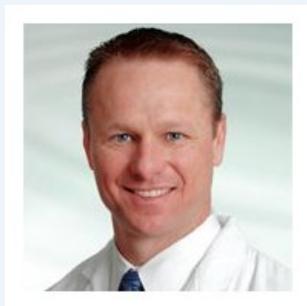
[Nominate a PA now!](#)

## Regional Membership Contacts

This is a simple way to make a connection with a PA who may have a similarity in scope of practice, issues which are region in nature or clarification on practice issues.

(Drumroll please)

[Meet and greet your regional contacts here!](#)



**David Greene, PA-C**  
Past President of OSPA

**Series: Increase APP impact in the oncology clinic**  
**Published on May 4, 2016**

*"I'm pretty busy seeing 8 or 10 patients. Mostly walk in's, no new patient consults, sometimes routine follow ups,"* says a very nice 5 year oncology PA.

*"My day starts with meetings, about 2 hours, then I see 10 patients - all routine follow ups. Sometimes I round at the hospital,"* from a 15 year oncology NP that was an OCN for 10 years prior.

As I ask further about why they aren't seeing new consults, performing procedures and helping redirect new therapies I am often looked at with disbelief.

- *"We can't do that."*
- *"We can't bill for that."*
- *"My attending doesn't want me to do those things."*

It amazes me that as a 20 year PA in oncology, these are the very things we are trained to do! The conversation frequently moves towards me trying to convince *my own colleagues* that they are capable and worth much more than they know. I routinely see new consults, help in the decision process of new or a change in therapy, perform bone marrow biopsies, admit to local hospitals, see routine follow ups and manage chemotherapy complications.

Let's start a real discussion. One about using a training model that's been around for a very long time. Hand a PA or an NP the chart and let them go to work. It can be a new consult, a walk in febrile neutropenia, or a bone arrow biopsy. LET THEM SEE THE PATIENTS.

Take the time to train an APP with a competent on-boarding plan and you will have an employee that is capable, competent and an effective biller for your practice.

The need for APP's is coming fast and oncology has a huge workload ahead. Doctors can't do it alone, but we need to be given the opportunities to succeed. At our practice we have started an on-boarding program to increase our success.

What are you doing at your practice?

**Help Us Grow Your Professional PA Association!**

**OSPA's Member-Get-a-Member Campaign is Now Open**

Refer a new member who joins by June 15th and **YOU BOTH** earn a chance to win a **FREE 2016 OSPA Fall CME Conference** Registration and **2 nights lodging at Salishan.**

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### Campaign details:

- 1) A current OSPA member refers an Oregon PA, someone who hasn't been a member since 2014 and is not a student.
- 2) The applicant mentions the referring PAs name.
- 3) Prize is **FREE registration AND 2 nights lodging to the OSPA Fall CME, a \$650 value for each of you, the current AND new member!**

**Thank you for sharing the membership benefits with those around you!**

-David Greene, PA-C

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