

Director at Large Platform Statement

My name is Tatiana Emanuel. Thank you for your consideration for the SEMPA Director-at-Large Position. I am very excited about the opportunity to help lead and advance the role of Physician Assistants practicing in emergency medicine.

Since 2014, I've practiced as a Physician Assistant in the Emergency Department (ED) at UT Health San Antonio and local Community hospitals. This allows me to fully understand the practice variability in the different emergency settings. The last couple years have been challenging and stressful but it also provided us with great opportunities to give back to our communities and to our patients. This pandemic and the multiple border town deployments have tested the limits of my practice skills and the skills of many of my fellow PAs. As a group, we showed our capacity to live up to the demands and impact hundreds of lives. It was very flattering to be nominated by my physician and APP colleagues and be recognized by SEMPA as the recipient of the 2021 EMPA of the year award.

I am the lead PA for the Department of Emergency Medicine and the first PA to be ranked as an Assistant Professor at UT Health San Antonio in the Long School of Medicine. In addition to my clinical shifts, I supervise clinical operations, collaborate with hospital administration and multiple specialties in the development of clinical pathways that help unfunded patients gain access to care, and actively participate in academics and research. During my tenure as lead PA, retention rates have gone to nearly 100%. I believe this is in large part because the APPs now have a voice in the decisions affecting them and their practice. I am also active in the local chapter of Academy of Physician Assistants in Texas.

I am currently, serving on the Advocacy Committee and can see that SEMPA has positioned itself well to address many of the challenges that we face as a profession. We are living in a time of rapid changes or potential changes to PA autonomy; our roles in the ED; reimbursements; title; many more. My previous and current experiences in business and leadership, as well as my commitment to the PA profession position me to be successful in the role of Director at Large. I would very much like to add my voice in advocating, advancing, and expanding the profession and breaking down the barriers for all Physician Assistants.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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