



**Title of the Physician Assistant Policy Statement
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The policy of the Society of Emergency Medicine Physician Assistants (SEMPA) is Physician Assistants should only be referred to by the title "Physician Assistant" or the common abbreviation "PA". In the case of an "Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant", the abbreviation "EMPA" is also acceptable.

SEMPA opposes the use of terminology such as "mid-level provider," "physician extender", "physician's assistant", "non-physician provider" when referring to a Physician Assistant.

SEMPA is also opposed to the routine practice of melding terminology when referencing Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners (ex. Advanced Practice Provider, Advanced Practice Clinician, Advance Provider, etc.). SEMPA believes these professions are distinct and unique. Use of a single term to reference both is incorrect and can be confusing and misleading.