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The National Library of Medicine produced *Physician Assistants: Collaboration and Care* in partnership with the Physician Assistant History Society.

The traveling banner exhibition and companion website explore how the Physician Assistant (PA) profession developed as a solution to meet the social and health care needs of the mid-20th century and continues to evolve today. Collaboration has been the foundation of the profession since the first three PAs graduated from Duke University in 1967. PAs practice medicine alongside doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals, treating patients in diverse communities and addressing health care shortages.

Physician Assistants includes an [education component](#) that features two K-12 lesson plans and a university module.

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Beginning in the 1940s, Buddy Treadwell trained with Dr. Amos Johnson to assist his general practice in rural North Carolina. Treadwell conducted initial patient examinations, oversaw treatments, and performed some emergency procedures.

Dr. Amos Johnson (left) and PA Buddy Treadwell (right) examining a patient, 1967

Courtesy National Library of Medicine



During a medical engagement, Captain Victor Tucker cared for patients in the Tagab Valley.

U.S. Army Captain Victor Tucker, PA-C (left), Kapisa, Afghanistan, 2008
Courtesy Physician Assistant History Society



Winnie Barron opened the Makindu Children's Program in 1998, to provide children orphaned by AIDS with medical care, food, education and emotional support.

Winnie Barron, PA-C walking with children, Makindu, Kenya, 2009
Courtesy Makindu Children's Program/Cathy DeLong



University of Utah PA students traveled to a remote Nepalese village to provide care.

PA students with patients in Kimchee Health Camp, Ghandruk, Nepal, 2014
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Project Access is a program that provides potential PA students from underrepresented groups with mentors who support their interest in the profession. Mentor J. Curtis Vaughn, PA-C, teaches YMCA campers how to use a reflex hammer at a Project Access event.

J. Curtis Vaughn with YMCA campers, Atlanta, Georgia, 2010
Courtesy American Academy of Physician Assistants