

Workshop #122 Abstract

Title: When Old Is New and Less Is More: Downsizing Your PA Curriculum

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While the average length of PA programs has increased over the last decade, graduate employment in primary care has steadily declined, influenced by a variety of educational and workforce issues. Some medical educators are projecting a decrease in the length of medical school curricula, which could further narrow the gap between the length of PA programs and medical schools. This workshop focuses on these trends and their implications for PA education. Curricular models are presented which maximize relevance for adult learners and which promote physician and PA employment in primary care practice. The participants will engage in an exercise of identifying PA curricular areas that could be downsized.