



**Michelle Gough** is a Physician Assistant with 10 years of patient care experience. She graduated from Mid-America Nazarene University with a Bachelor's degree in Biology in 2004, and then obtained her Master's in Physician Assistant Studies at Wichita State University. She has practiced in a Community Health Center, Private Family Practice, and Private Hospital (Hospitalist PA) in Kansas, before moving to Florida. Here she has worked in Surgery/Trauma at Niklaus (Miami) Children's Hospital, and for the last 5 years at the Center for Arthritis and Rheumatic Diseases in Miami. She has previously served as Miami Dade Area Representative for the Florida Academy of Physician Assistants, and now serves as the Vice President of the organization. Michelle believes strongly in the PA profession, and advocates for them daily. "Because of the flexibility, adaptability, and cost-effectiveness of PAs, the profession can play a critical role in delivery system transformation and, in particular, the provision of more integrated, team based care. She affirms that physicians and PAs working in team-oriented practices are a proven model for delivering high-quality, cost-effective patient care."