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Marie-Michèle Léger, a PA for 32 years, serves as the Director, Clinical education, in the Department of Continuous Professional Development Performance Improvement (CPDPI) at the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA). She obtained a Bachelor's of Science, Physician Assistant Program, from George Washington University (GWU), Washington DC in 1983 and completed her Master in Public Health, (International Health, Concentration: Health Promotion/Disease Prevention) from GWU in 1996.

In her role at AAPA Ms. Léger represents the Academy at a wide range of meetings relevant to clinical practice, and she monitors and advises the Academy's leadership on important issues in clinical medicine and public health. She is the AAPA's liaison to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Ms. Léger also coordinates the activities of the Academy that relate to continuing professional development, translating best available evidence into practice, which ultimately leads to PA practice improvement.

She has published extensively, having written editorials on raising the awareness of emergency preparedness and raising the rate of adult immunization. Ms. Léger has given presentations in the United States and internationally on themes addressing the PA profession, disparity in health care, immunization, and other infectious disease topics.

Prior to joining AAPA, she was the Manager of Hospital Epidemiology/Infection Control at the Children's National Medical Center (CNMC). While at CNMC, she drafted the hospital's preparedness plan and conducted a suspicious powder exposure investigation (anthrax) at the institution. Ms. Léger retains a faculty appointment at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences and at the Shenandoah Physician Assistant Program.