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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

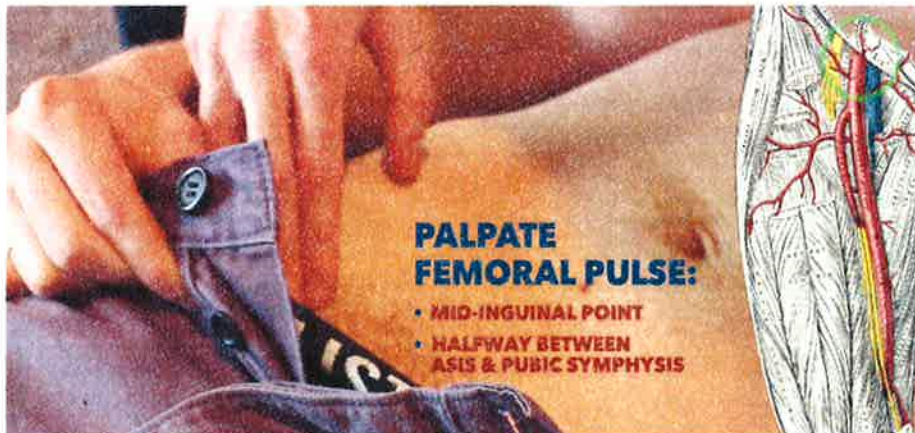
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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The students and faculty of the Harding University Physician Assistant Program will be providing optional pre-participation physicals for Cabot School System athletes on April 15, 2017.

This physical examination will be performed by physician assistant students with their faculty which includes physician assistants and medical doctors. This examination will include observation and examination of vital signs, general physical appearance, eyes, ears, nose throat, lymph nodes, the abdomen, skin and the nervous system, heart, blood vessels and lungs.

Included in the blood vessel exam is simultaneous evaluation of the pulse in the groin (the femoral pulse) compared with the pulse in the wrist (the radial pulse). These pulses are felt directly on your student's skin in order for the evaluation to be as accurate as possible. It may seem a little uncomfortable to your student, but this important examination screens for potentially harmful heart and blood vessel abnormalities. Every effort will be made to provide a safe and modest environment for this exam for each athlete.



Photograph - <https://geekymedics.com/peripheral-vascular-examination/>

The athletic training department will assist us by performing the muscle and skeleton portion of the pre-participation physical.

The Cabot athletic training and coaching staff will provide specific instructions regarding logistics and provide your athlete with the appropriate forms to complete prior to the physical examination.

If you have any other questions, we will be happy to provide more information.

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