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Re: Registration of Naturopathic Doctors

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Dear IRRC,

I am writing in wholehearted support of the regulation of Naturopathic Doctors in PA. In November of 2020, I was diagnosed with stage 3 rectal cancer. I underwent chemo and radiation for 5 weeks, followed by a number of surgeries. The final phase of treatment was 4 months of intense chemo using a regimen known as FOLFOX. After my first round, I was so sick that I felt that I could not continue with the regimen. My Oncologist told me that I certainly had the option of not continuing with FOLFOX but my prognosis would not be good. I contacted my Naturopathic Doctor who started me on a regimen of supplements and homeopathy which made the side effects tolerable so that I could continue with the prescribed 8 treatments. I credit Naturopathy with making it possible to take all 8 treatment and significantly increase my chances of survival.

 In my experience, ND's are doctors who spend significant with the patient, helping us to know which natural therapies and modalities are safe and which are not safe. And, although I trust my ND fully, regulation is important as it insures that all NDs have been well educated and trained so that the public can feel protected as consumers, knowing that there is a system of oversight in place.

Sincerely,

Douglas R. Jones