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RE: Prescription Privileges of Physician Assistants

Dear Joseph C. Gallagher, Jr. D.O.,

Physician Assistants should be able to prescribe when working with osteopathic physicians as well as with allopathic physicians. I have worked with a PA for 5 years. I support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations as it will improve patient care by decreasing wait times as PAs will no longer have to wait for physician supervisor to sign scripts. Also, it allows me as a physician more time with patients.

Sincerely,

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