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RE: Prescription Privileges of Physician Assistants

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

When I was first looking for a PA position I did not want to work for any osteopathic physician because I would not be able to prescribe and thus not use all of my ability as a PA. However, over the last 5 years I have worked for osteopathic physicians and have come to develop a trusting relationship with them. As a PA, I have a working knowledge of pharmaceuticals. I decide the treatment plan for each patient that includes the use of pharmaceuticals before I go my physician supervisor to have a script signed/ written. Therefore, I am in favor of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants.

Prescription privileges for physician assistants like me is necessary as it will allow for better patient care, less wait times and less distractions for my physician supervisors. I believe that more osteopathic physicians would use PAs to allow there patients better access to a healthcare clinician if physicians had prescription privileges.

I feel strongly that these proposed osteopathic regulations should be the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid confusion for both PAs and the physicians, especially in practices with both osteopathic as well as allopathic physicians.

Sincerely,

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