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Dear Dr. Fasano,

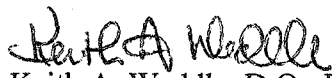
Re; Prescriptive Privileges for Physician Assistants


It is with extreme pleasure that we note that the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine has proposed a provision to permit Physician Assistants to prescribe and dispense drugs at the discretion of a licensed Osteopathic Physician. As Osteopathic physicians supervising a Physician Assistant, we realize the importance of regulations necessary to protect our patients. However, now is the time to enact the change to paragraphs 25.177 and 25.178.

The proposed changes would provide less confusion in clinical practice and would mirror the regulations which have safely been in practice for a number of years with allopathic physicians. As you may not be aware, Huntingdon County has only one gastrointestinal practice that being Huntingdon Gastroenterology Associates. The amended changes will permit our Physician Assistant to practice medicine to a greater extent under our continued guidance. These changes will allow us more opportunity to care for the gastroenterological needs of the citizens in Huntingdon County.

Once again we fully support the proposed changes to paragraphs 25.177 and 25.178 and encourage you and the Osteopathic Board of Medicine to adopt these regulations immediately. Thank you for your consideration in this matter and your service to Osteopathic Medicine in the state of Pennsylvania.

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