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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing to you in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. These regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any type of confusion within a clinical practice.

I worked for three allopathic cardiologists at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and we had two Physician Assistants who safely and correctly prescribed the necessary drugs under the supervision of these three M.D.'s.

I strongly believe that osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant as their MD colleagues. Access to care for patients will be improved because of a DO supervising the physician assistant with any script written within the office and hospital setting. This will in turn remove barriers to care due to reduce waiting times, increased availability of appointment times and will the DO time to focus on more complicated patient issues. The DO physician will decide whether his/her PA will prescribe (or not) and also determine what drugs the PA will be permitted to prescribe to their patients.

I hope that you will agree that osteopathic physicians should have the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PA's as their MD colleagues.

Sincerely,

Donna Feeney-Figaniak
Office of the Dean

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