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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am a family practitioner in practice now for 32 years in West Middlesex, PA. I have been associated with physician assistants since the late 80's, and I have felt very strongly all along that prescriptive rights should be awarded to the physician assistants exactly as the allopathic regulations. These should be kept consistent to avoid any clinical confusions. It has been noted that physician assistants have been prescribing medication safely under the supervision of allopathic physicians, therefore they should be given the same prescriptive authority as our M.D. colleagues. The P.A.'s work very closely with the D.O. profession. Access to better patient care will be afforded to patients as the P.A.'s will be able to practice to the full extent of their training. There will be a much greater advantage for P.A.'s to be hired by osteopathic physicians if they have prescriptive rights, and it will open up the ability for hospitals and hospital practices to hire osteopathic physician assistants if they have the delegated prescriptive authority. The individual osteopathic physician still has the right to decide what medications and what authority they give to their P.A.'s instead of an arbitrary decision across the board that they cannot prescribe medications. Please give this strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Aaron J. Listopad, D.O.

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