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Dear  Mr. Fasano,

My name is Jason Camilo. I am currently a freshman Physician Assistant major at Gannon University. I am writing this letter to you in regards to PAs employed by osteopathic physicians having prescribing privileges.

There is a multitude of arguments that can support all PAs obtaining prescribing privileges. For starters, all PAs receive the same training and have to pass the same test whether they are supervised by a MD or a DO. Secondly, PAs have been prescribing safely under the supervision of MDs, so why do PAs that practice under the supervision of DOs not have the ability to prescribe? The care that PAs provide would improve and the PAs that practice under DOs would be able to practice to the fullest extent of their training.

PAs under the supervision DOs would be more valuable to them with prescribing privileges by allowing the physician to concentrate on the more complex cases and by reducing waiting times. Giving PAs privileges to prescribe under the supervision of DOs could create job openings as well. As a student in a Pennsylvanian university, from New York, I would be more inclined to say and practice here, if I could work to my fullest potential, which would aid in slowing down the "Brain Drain."

Thank you for taking your valuable time to read my opinion on this issue.

Sincerely,

  
Jason R Camilo