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Re: Delegated Prescriptive Authority for Physician Assistants

Dear Dr. Charles P Fasano,

My name is Thy Tran, and I am a physician assistant who works in the emergency room with many doctors. I have had no problems prescribing under the supervision of osteopathic physicians and I avidly support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. Osteopathic and allopathic doctors are on par with each other and I feel that osteopathic doctors should be given the exact same ability to delegate prescriptive authority. These regulations should be worded exactly like the allopathic regulations to avoid confusion in my clinical practice.

Physician assistants will be able to help osteopathic physicians by better access to care with reduced waiting times, more time for appointments, and increased time allotment for physicians to work on more complicated cases. I believe more opportunities will be opened for osteopathic doctors as hospitals will be more likely to hire them if they are able to supervise PAs with delegated prescriptive authority. Also osteopathic doctors would be more willing to hire a PA if they are given prescriptive authority. Of course the individual physician will decide whether his or her PA will prescribe, including what drugs he or she will be permitted to prescribe. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Ms. Thy Kim Tran, PA-C