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Family Practice Residency Program

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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am a D.O. who has worked with a physician assistant in our clinic situation for many years. My feeling is that he has a strong knowledge base and could easily prescribe medications. His understanding of patient safety issues is outstanding. I support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations especially if it is worded the same as the allopathic regulations so that we can stop having two different standards with our office. Of course, PA's would continue to be supervised, but it would allow more freedom for hospitals and practices to hire D.O.'s because they could also supervise PA's.

Sincerely,

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