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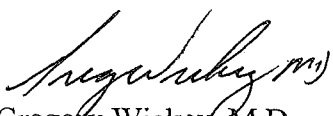
Dear Dr. Fasano,

I have been a practicing Anesthesiologist for many years. A significant portion of my patient care hours is spent in the practice of Pain Management. After collaboration with physicians for over fifteen years in the pain management portion of our practice, my partners and I made the decision to hire a Physician Assistant. Prior to the hiring of our PA, as many as 6 physicians managed patients within our pain practice. With the hiring of our PA, the entire pain practice has been effectively managed only by myself and my PA for over two years. This has substantially improved our ability to provide physician coverage to other important areas of our anesthesia practice. In particular, my ability to delegate prescriptive privileges to my Physician Assistant, has significantly accelerated our response to patient prescription requests. I cannot tell you how much time this saves me in a day, given the many responsibilities that I have.

I have been made to understand that Osteopathic physicians are considering the creation and promulgation of prescriptive authority to Physician Assistants under their supervision. This will most directly allow not only for the fullest collaboration of practice, but to maximally utilize the training and experience of the Physician Assistant.

I would strongly recommend that my Osteopathic colleagues consider adopting such regulations so that they might improve both the quality and speed of access to patient care.

Respectfully,

  
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