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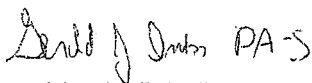
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Dear Mr. Fasano:

I am writing in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. It is my belief that this privilege, which is allowed under the regulations of M.Ds, should also be granted under D.O. supervision because it only serves to benefit patient care. Through our training in school we are well educated in the field of pharmacy and proper prescribing techniques. The physician assistant occupation is designed to work for and aid the physician he or she works under and to best utilize these assets he must be able to prescribe when necessary. This inability to prescribe under a DO hinders everyone involved in the patients care, especially the patient itself. It involves longer appointment times for patients who must wait for their prescriptions to be written by the supervising physician. It also slows the physician's work when he must be interrupted from his own patient schedule to write a prescription for a patient that he did not even see. Without this privilege the DO/PA relationship greatly suffers and does not function well to provide effective efficient care that people deserve.

Sincerely,


Gerald Inks PA-S

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