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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am a Physician Assistant student in my clinical year, with five months left. I am writing in support of the prescribing regulations of Physician Assistants. Physician Assistants are trained to prescribe medication and are allowed to do so when working congruently under a M.D. and should be able to prescribe under a D.O. as well. Physician Assistants are pharmacologically trained to prescribe medicine, and have been doing so for years under a M.D. If this regulation was extended to empower Physician Assistants to prescribe under a D.O. as well, this would increase the efficiency of patient care by allowing more time to be spent evaluation and treating a patient and less time searching for a Physician in order to write a script. Also, more patients can be seen. The regulations set for a Physician Assistant should mirror one another whether working for a M.D. or a D.O. Physicians should have the choice to allow their Physician Assistants to have the authorization to prescribe medication.

Sincerely,


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