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Dear Dr. Fasano,

The PA profession has been around since the early 1970's. I have worked as a PA since 1979. We have come a long way over that time and all for the better. However, it could even be better yet by having PA's prescribe under a DO. We have done it safely for many years as I have worked under 2 MD's my entire career until 2003 when a DO was added to the practice and what a difference! I would always have to call on the DO to sign the prescriptions thereby causing much delay with the overall treatment and care of the patients not to mention the extra time the patients would wait and me getting behind on my schedule. I wanted to go back to just seeing patients that went to my MD instead. The DO's should be able to give the PA's the ability to write prescriptions the same as the MD's. Why make it as if DO's were an entirely different category as they are doctors too and can take as good a care of patients as their MD counterparts. The place of education is the only thing that makes them stand apart not the ability to provide excellent medical to the public.

I have since relocated with another physician whom is a MD (due to the retirements of the previous). My choice of an MD was on top of the list because I did not want the barriers again to affect my overall care of the patients.

Please make it easy for all involved to be able to practice medicine and provide excellent healthcare to our society by having all PA privileges the same for DO as for an MD. They both supervise us to ensure overall safety regardless of MD or DO so why not make it universal between the two and not separate the two. Teamwork is the name of the game!

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Thank you for listening to my thoughts. I hope you will think over all of this and make the right decision for our profession. Our patients need us!

Sincerely,

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