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Dear Dr. Fasano D.O.,

I am writing to you as a student because I want to encourage the ability for Physician Assistants to write prescriptions under an Osteopath Physician.

For years now Physician Assistants have been taught how to prescribe medicine. Many seminars have also been geared toward Physician Assistants prescribing. With this knowledge and capability, Physician Assistants are able to provide help to those patients under the doctor for standard medical problems. This gives the doctor more time to spend with patients who have more complicated medical problems.

On a further note, if a DO and an MD are allowed to do all the same procedures even though their training is somewhat different, and a Physician Assistant is trained the same way to work under either type of doctor, what is the difference? No matter what, at the end of the day the doctor (DO or MD) will look over every patient the PA has seen, and approve or disapprove the treatment provided by the PA. Therefore, when a PA working under a DO has to get the doctor every time he/she is about to write a prescription, time is being wasted, since they are going to approve or disapprove the work later anyways.

The Physician Assistant is already trained or taught the tactics or good prescription writing when going to work under a DO or MD.

Why not let us utilize this knowledge?

Sincefely, Dana Rizo

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