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Subject: POMA'S POSITION REGARDING Rx PRIVILEGES FOR PA's...

Arthur Coccodrilli, chair
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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

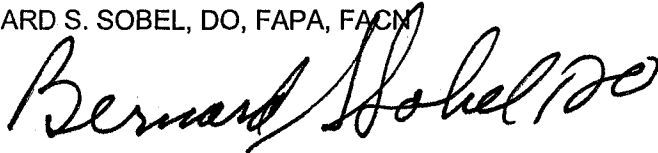
As a long-standing Pennsylvania physician, practicing ADDICTION MEDICINE/PSYCHIATRY, I am in full agreement with the POMA's position regarding their concerns in expanding prescribing rights of PA's. I, too, DO NOT recommend expansion of those privileges..

I have seen far too often the Rx misuse, abuse of (especially) controlled substances in my population of patients. In todays climate of rising abuse and diversion of narcotics, it is my belief that the supervising physician must have direct control (and responsibility) for Schedule II narcotics..

Further, I believe the same holds for the attempted expansion of professional samples: DO NOT EXPAND the PA's privileges into medication samples..

Respectfully,

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