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I have been a Licensed Acupuncturist in Oregon since 1987. I was an RN in Oregon from 1980-2013.

WHY CHANGE 52 YEARS?

For 52 years The State of Oregon has consistently specified that the practice of acupuncture by non-MDs, is limited to individuals who have the required training & licensure by the OMB. Several times, non-acupuncture practitioners have attempted to add acupuncture to their scope of practice with no or minimal training , and no regulation of the practice. The legislature has consistently vetoed it.

60,000 PEOPLE – Authorized to practice Acupuncture in Oregon??

If the logic presented by the PT's presented, is accepted, then what will the limits be? OT's, RN's, DCs & NDs and others, could then argue the same reasoning, and add acupuncture to their scope of practice. And with NO standards for training, no standard of care, no regulation.

WHAT KIND OF NEEDLES?

HB 3824, pg 3, lines 35-40:

,promoting health and preventing disease by designing, implementing and modifying treatment interventions such as therapeutic exercise, needle insertion, patient-related instruction,

What kind of needles? ? ?

If hypodermic needles- can PTs give IV therapy? Perform a thoracentesis?

Is It ACUPUNCTURE or DRY NEEDLING? The body doesn't know!

Is there any research showing that the body reacts differently to an acupuncture needle or a hypodermic needle ("dry needling") inserted into the muscle? Highly unlikely- the same reaction occurs with both.

FACT CHECK

Did I hear a PT say that 44 states allow PTs to do dry needling?

My search showed that 38 states allow it, 5 states prohibit it, 7 states have no legal stance.

WHY IN SCOPE of a Physical Therapist?

Assigning these skills to the PT scope of practice, just,,, don't make sense, and it's

questionable safety for the public.

???airway clearance techniques- Does this include suctioning the airway of an intubated patient?

????integumentary protection and repair techniques- what are these?

???debridement and wound care- this could include minor surgery

??soft tissue and joint mobilization and manipulation- isn't this assigned to chiropractic training & licensure?

If you have a wound that needs debridement, would you go to a Psychiatrist?

Yes, that treatment is in their training, but that doesn't mean one is skilled in it.

Many skills are in the training for many professions, that doesn't mean the graduates are skilled in those techniques...

PTs- Primary Care Practitioners?

Pg 10, line 25:

(A) The initial patient evaluation, determination of diagnosis, prognosis and development of the plan of treatment intervention and appropriate documentation;

Are PTs becoming Primary Care Practitioners?