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Coalition for Patients' Rights

Eileen Carlson, RN, JD

Dear Ms. Carlson,

The American Congress of Electroneuromyography (ACE) is a nonprofit organization committed to supporting the practice of nerve conduction studies and needle electromyography (NCS/EMG) by physical therapists. ACE members include practitioners, researchers, educators and administrators dedicated to providing a framework for communication and professional development for physical therapist providers of NCS/EMG and to facilitate public accessibility to these services.

We share the Coalition for Patients' Rights (CPR) purpose and objectives to oppose the American Medical Association (AMA) Scope Of Practice Partnership and the AMA Resolution 814.

The AMA, American Academy of Neurology, American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine and American Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation national physician associations have identified and targeted physical therapist providers of nerve conduction studies and electromyography in the legislative and reimbursement arenas. The basis of their opposition is based on solely on licensure prejudice and not on evidence based information relating to who is qualified to practice (see attached). Their collective actions represent an attempt to deny access for patients to seek care from qualified physical therapists.

ACE requests CPR approval to join as a general member.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Elaine
Dr. Elaine Armantrout, PT, DSc, ECS
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