

CPR Comments on National Public Radio series

“Midlevel Providers Fill Primary Care Doctors’ Shoes”

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This article highlights the immense value of a broad spectrum of health care professionals, especially considering the growing shortage of primary care providers. As millions of Americans become eligible for health coverage under health reform, this problem will only continue to grow.

As Rovner points out, physician assistant Jim Love has years of experience and training that is invaluable to his community. What isn't mentioned is that there is a divisive movement to restrict the services provided by some health care professionals, which will limit patient access to safe, high quality and cost effective health care. The physician community's "Scope of Practice Partnership" aims to limit the range of health care-related activities and services that health care professionals are educated, licensed and or/certified to provide. The Coalition for Patients' Rights believes that tired, old turf wars don't work in the interest of patients. All health care professionals must work together, not against one another, to advance the well being and health of patients like those living in Pittsfield.

More information is available through www.patientsrightscoalition.org

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