

AMA policy rec on “dry needling” by PT

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AMA Adopts New Policies on Final Day of Annual Meeting

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CHICAGO - The American Medical Association (AMA), the premier national physician organization in the country, adopted several new policies today that touch on a diverse array of public policy issues.

Regulating Dry Needling

The AMA adopted a policy that said physical therapists and other non-physicians practicing dry needling should – at a minimum – have standards that are similar to the ones for training, certification and continuing education that exist for acupuncture.

"Lax regulation and nonexistent standards surround this invasive practice. For patients' safety, practitioners should meet standards required for licensed acupuncturists and physicians," AMA Board Member Russell W. H. Kridel, M.D.

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The AMA just ruled that PTs should follow the same guidelines as acupuncturists and physicians.

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