Scope of Practice

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AMA scope of practice advocacy resources

- Scope microsite - NEW
- State laws charts – NP and PA charts updated
- Data Series Modules (education and training)
- National survey of U.S. voters on patient sentiment on scope of practice NEW
- Media Toolkit NEW
- Myth Fact Document NEW
- Social media graphics Updated
- “Education Matters” wheels Updated
- One-pager series NEW
- Multiple Issue Briefs New and updated
- Health workforce mapper
- GEOMAPS (2013, 2018, 2020)
- Model bills (Truth in Advertising, Physician Led Teams)
- Truth in Advertising Survey
Research: AMA Resources

• Issue Briefs
  • Access to care
  • APRN Compact
  • Scope Expansions Leads to Increased Utilization of Health Care Resources
  • Summary of Existing Studies
  • Title Change: Nurse Anesthetist

• State Laws Charts
  • Nurse Practitioners (updated)
  • Physician Assistants (updated)
Key SOP resource: SOP Data Series Modules

- Compendium of information on non-physician providers
- Detailed information on education, training, certification, licensure
- Common claims made by non-physician providers and how to refute them
- State laws charts

- Audiologists
- Midwives
- Naturopaths
- Nurse Anesthetists
- Nurse practitioners
- Optometrists
- Oral/Maxillofacial surgeons
- Physical therapists
- Physician assistants
- Podiatrists
- Psychologists
## Education Matters

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<tr>
<th>Medical or health care professional</th>
<th>Length of graduate level education</th>
<th>Years of residency/fellowship training</th>
<th>Total patient care hours</th>
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<td>Physician (MD or DO)</td>
<td>4 years</td>
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<td>4 years</td>
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<td>4 years</td>
<td>4-6 years</td>
<td>12,000-16,000 hours</td>
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<td>4 years + 1 year internship</td>
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<td>Nurse Practitioner (NP)</td>
<td>2-4 years (online programs included)</td>
<td>not required</td>
<td>500-720 hours</td>
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<td>2-3 years</td>
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<td>Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)</td>
<td>2-3 years</td>
<td>not required</td>
<td>2,500 hours; 600 cases</td>
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<td>Optometrist (OD)</td>
<td>4 years</td>
<td>not required</td>
<td>1-year clinical rotations</td>
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<td>Podiatrist (DPM)</td>
<td>4 years</td>
<td>not required</td>
<td>80 weeks</td>
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<td>Psychologist (PsyD) or (PhD)</td>
<td>3 years + 1 year internship</td>
<td>1 year</td>
<td>1-2 years (practicum and internship)</td>
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<td>Naturopath (ND)</td>
<td>4 years</td>
<td>not required</td>
<td>720-1,200 hours</td>
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<td>Chiropractor (DC)</td>
<td>4 years</td>
<td>not required</td>
<td>320 patients</td>
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• Anesthesiologists & Pain Medicine Physicians to CRNA's
• Facial Surgeons & Otolaryngologists to OMS
• Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) to Nurse Practitioners
• OBGYNs & PCPs to Nurse Midwives
• Ophthalmologists to Optometrists
• Orthopaedic Surgeons to Podiatrists
• Otolaryngologists & PCPs to Audiologists
• Physical Medicine Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine Physicians & Orthopaedic Surgeons to PTs
• PCPs to Naturopaths
• Psychiatrists to Psychologists
Key SOP resource: Health Workforce Mapper

- Online tool to map physician and non-physician practice locations
  - comprehensive picture of health workforce
  - identify priority areas for workforce expansion
  - enhance SOP, GME, telemedicine advocacy
- Includes
  - Supplemental health data (hospitals, rural clinics)
  - Geographic data (roads, waterways)
  - CDC data related to population health (morbidity/mortality, demographic data)

[ama-assn.org/healthworkforcemapper]
Legislative Materials
One-Pagers: Education and Training

- Focus on difference in depth and breadth of education training
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Key SOP resource: Education Matters Wheel

- Unique legislator leave-behind comparing education and training of physicians and non-physicians
  - Length of graduate level education
  - Years of residency/fellowship training
  - Total patient care hours required through training.
Patient Survey
Messaging & Media Tools
Focus Groups and Patient Survey: Key Findings

• Voters have ongoing concerns about the health care system in terms of cost and the care they receive.
• Across audiences, voters expect that physicians will be involved in medical diagnoses, treatment decisions and providing treatment.
• There is strong opposition to the scope of practice changes we tested. Voters responded most viscerally to changes that expanded scope for invasive procedures.
• Voters believe that these changes will most benefit non-physician practitioners and for-profit health entities. They also believe that patients will be harmed if these scope of practice changes are implemented.
• Large majorities of voters think these changes would make our health care system worse.
• One important subgroup note: while younger voters also oppose these changes, they are more receptive to them than older voters and are worth monitoring
New Resource: Media Toolkit

Series of focus groups and survey of U.S. voters

Key Message

Patients are concerned about the cost and quality of health care. While there is certainly room for improvement in our current health care system, allowing non-physicians to provide physician-level care would be a step in the wrong direction that benefits for-profit entities – not patients.

The best way to alleviate patient concerns, protect patient safety, and lower costs is to keep physician experts at the head of the health care team.

Created Media Toolkit

• Summarize surveys key findings and messaging
• Recommended social media posts
• Social Media How-To Guide
• Model Op-ed
• Myth v. Fact
Digital Ads

WORKING TOGETHER
The best and safest outcomes call for a team approach to care with physicians in the lead.

#AskForAPhysician

91% say a physician’s education and training are vital for optimal care.

95% say it’s important for a physician to be involved in their diagnosis and treatment.

3/4 of patients would wait longer to be treated by a physician.

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AMA Advocacy in Action
In 2022 AMA is working with 30 state medical associations to defeat inappropriate scope expansions
AMA working with you along the way

- Provided state legislative analysis & shared fact-based resources supporting physician-led care
- Sent letters to governors, legislators, or regulators
- Testified before legislative or other state committees
- Activated physicians across the country to reach out to legislators
- Used social media to amplify our message to key legislators

In strong collaboration with state medical associations and national specialty societies
Physicians’ powerful ally in patient care