Patients Deserve Truth and Transparency

There are 183 nursing certifications, each with its own abbreviation. With the alphabet-soup of initials and the increase in “doctorates” in nursing and physician assistant doctorate titles, it’s hard for patients to know the qualifications of their medical clinician. NP and PAs have also been using terms like “board-certified,” “residency,” and “fellowship” causing additional confusion to patients.

NP and PA groups advertise directly to patients, implying that care is the same or better than that of physicians. Media campaigns include “We Choose NPs” and “Your PA Can.” Millions of dollars are being spent by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to promote nurse practitioners in the media.

Nurse practitioners are not held to the same medical standard of care as physicians in a malpractice case. Case law has repeatedly demonstrated that NPs are only held to the standard of another NP – even if they purport to offer the same care as a physician. Patients may not receive justice in the event of medical negligence.

Physicians for Patient Protection is a grassroots organization of practicing and retired physicians, residents and fellows, medical students, and assistant physicians (a new designation for physicians who have finished four years of medical school but have not yet matched in a U.S.-Accredited residency program).

Our mission is to ensure physician-led care for all patients and to advocate for truth and transparency regarding healthcare practitioners.

We advance our mission by educating our colleagues and patients and influencing public policy, administrative rules, regulations, and legislation.

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