



## Physicians are being replaced.

### Protect Americans who are misled by financial interests

#### Recommendations for Congress

- Support bills that preserve physician-led care and truth & transparency in healthcare practitioners.
- Oppose bills that would expand existing federal programs to pay non-physicians for services being provided by MD/DO physicians.

#### NPs, PAs, CRNAs, Psychologists, and Naturopaths are not interchangeable with MD/DO physicians.

Profit driven interests across healthcare settings - from private equity, health systems, or private practices - by prioritizing profit margins over patient safety, have increasingly replaced physicians with individuals with less education and training.

At the federal level, profit driven interests are lobbying for payment expansions in federal worker's compensation programs, Medicare and Medicaid, the Social Security Act, and other federal programs related to public health.

#### Corporate perspective

Non-physician salary and benefits cost the corporation less

Non-physicians order more unnecessary testing and referrals, which generate more revenue.

#### Physician perspective

Non-physicians independent practice are leading to patient safety issues (missed diagnoses, delays in care, incorrect advice) which are not standards of care for a physician.

Non-physicians are costing patients and the system more and straining limited resources with unnecessary labs, imaging, medications, and referrals.

**95% U.S. voters say** its important to them for a physician to be involved in diagnosis and treatment decisions.

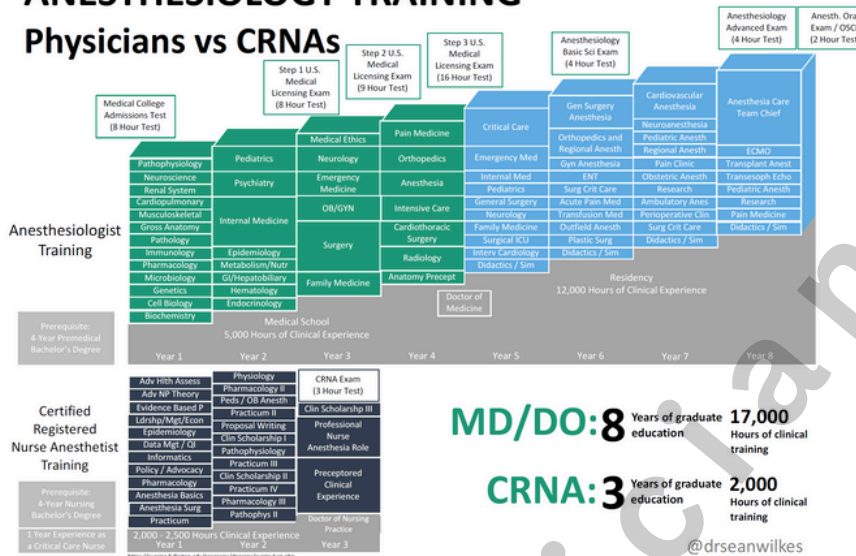
**62% U.S. voters say** patients are most likely to be harmed from scope of practice changes. Only 9% said patients would benefit.

Bernard and Al Agba, Patients at Risk, 2020.

### Length of Education NP vs. PA vs. MD

	Undergraduate	Graduate	Residency	Total Time Training
<b>Nurse Practitioner (MSN, DNP)</b>	4-year BA or BS	1 to 4 year master's or doctorate program	None required	<b>5 to 8 years</b>
<b>Physician Assistant (MPAS)</b>	4-year BA or BS	2 to 2 1/2 year master's program	None required	<b>6 to 6 1/2 years</b>
<b>Physician (DO, MD)</b>	4-year BA or BS	4 year doctoral program	Minimum 3 year requirement	<b>Minimum 11 years</b>

### Authentic Medicine ANESTHESIOLOGY TRAINING Physicians vs CRNAs



**MD/DO: 8** Years of graduate education, **17,000** Hours of clinical training

**CRNA: 3** Years of graduate education, **2,000** Hours of clinical training

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### PSYCHOLOGY vs. PSYCHIATRY

#### PSYCHOLOGY

- ❑ Not trained or qualified to perform medical procedures or prescribe medications

#### PSYCHIATRY

- ❑ Is able to perform medical procedures and prescribe medications

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“Naturopathic education and training is not equivalent to the education and training received by allopathic and osteopathic physicians and does not prepare a naturopath to accurately diagnose or provide the medical treatment.”

### Bills of concern for Americans seeking healthcare:

**HR2389/S1302 Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act** - 14,000 new Medicare supported GME positions over 7 years (10% to hospitals within rural areas) Current status: referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**HR8812 Improving Care and Access to Nurses (ICAN) Act** – would expand NPs capabilities to treat Medicare and Medicaid patients without physician involvement. This would include CRNAs giving anesthesia independently. Current status: referred to the Subcommittee on Health.



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