



Keep the Physician as the Leader of the Health Care Team

Non-physician health care professionals continue to lobby lawmakers and regulatory boards to expand their scope of practice beyond their training and expertise. The Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) opposes the expansion of the scope of practice for allied health care professionals and supports the physician as the leader of the health care team.

What is happening?

- The Pennsylvania legislature is considering two bills that would allow CRNPs to practice independently without the requirement that they collaborate with a physician.
- These bills — Senate Bill 25 and House Bill 100 — would remove physicians from the health care team.

Why is this an issue?

- Health care professionals should work together — their skills are complimentary, not interchangeable.
- The education and training of a CRNP falls significantly short of a physician. Patients who require further assessment and care that exceeds the capabilities and education of a CRNP should have direct and immediate access to a physician.

What can you do?

- Call or meet with your local Senator and Representatives and encourage them to oppose SB 25 and HB 100. If you need assistance setting up a legislative visit, please contact John Tommasini at jtommasini@pamedsoc.org. We'd be happy to talk to you prior to your meeting/call to help you prepare.
- Talk to your colleagues and patients and encourage them to contact their local Senator and Representatives.
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