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Naturopathic Doctors provide the same level of primary care as MDs and FNPs. They also go through the same amount and length of schooling, sometimes more, as MDs and FNPs. They should be treated and paid equitably! Especially in the state of Oregon where more and more patients are looking for a more healthy and natural approach to medicine.

I work for an integrative alternative medicine group in Southern Oregon and one of our locations is a completely naturopathic primary care facility. We have FIVE NDs on staff and see almost 1,000 patients a month for primary care. Our providers deserve to be respected and paid just as an MD or FNP would.

Please consider requiring equitable pay for NDs.