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It is time that Oregon came into the 21st century. Physical Therapists are trained at clinical doctorate level and have extensive knowledge and expertise that has been blocked for years by other medical providers with bogus rationale that we are poorly trained and will harm patients.

Currently 37 states in the United States allow physical therapists to perform dry needling. Our progressive state that is known for helping it's people needs to be State number 38.

All PT Schools in the United States graduate their students at a doctorate level. DPT is the official term for Doctorate of Physical Therapy. Unfortunately, this term is not protected and anyone can use it. There is a local gym in Portland where you can see a DPT.....a Dynamic Personal Trainer. This is confusing for the general public.

Can you imagine how the OMA would feel if there was a sign that says....see your MD here....but it turned out that person was a Muscular Diplomat.

It is time that Oregon realizes the potential of the physical therapy profession and how we are a vital part of the entire medical team. It is time we move into the 21st century.

Thank you.

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