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Insertion of needles, an invasive procedure, needs to clearly be within the scope of practice of any medical provider. As such, there needs to be standardized training with a minimum number of hours and clinical supervision that would be deemed safe for the public. Medical doctors usually are in the realm of a few hundred hours while PT's are needling patients on Monday morning after a weekend workshop in which they have no prior experience needling patients whatsoever. Imagine your loved one being their first real patient after a weekend training. This is not only dangerous but irresponsible. Once PT's are allowed to do this, then all chiropractors, athletic trainers, and eventually massage therapists will want to follow suit. Leave invasive procedures to those properly trained. Make an ethical, responsible, and appropriate decision that puts the needs of the public's safety as a priority. Patients trust their providers and expect standardized training, this is misleading.