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I'm an acupuncturist in Oregon, after four intense years of school and three boards. I saw around 800 patients in my intern year. I inserted thousands of needles before I graduated, and took three classes specific to challenging points.

There is a reason for this.

It teaches us to look holistically at our patients, and we see hundreds of variations on bodies before we graduate.

One cannot get this training in 200 hr dry needling courses. Every person and patient I know who had nerve damage got it from "dry needling". Above and beyond the appropriation of East Asian culture (which acupuncturists are immersed in), dry needling is unsafe. Period.

Please look to Nevada where they require 1000 hours of training for PTs. This is not only about protecting our practice, but about protecting our patients.

Best,
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