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As a person who receives both acupuncture and physical therapy treatment, I am opposed to allowing physical therapists to perform acupuncture. Acupuncture is an extremely technical practice that has been studied and performed for hundreds of years and cannot be learned in a short course that may be attended by physical therapists. I have tremendous respect for physical therapists and regard their care as an integral part of my health and well-being, but I do not believe that it is within their skill set to learn such a technical practice in a short period of time. Licensed acupuncturists receive many many hours of training and education to perform the complex and delicate tasks that are required of them. Just as physical therapists must study and train For their specific skills. I would not expect my acupuncturist to understand or perform physical therapy and I would not expect my physical therapy to understand or perform acupuncture.