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As a Doctor of Physical Therapy in clinical practice for the past ten years, I have never understood why I was NOT allowed to order imaging, as our 7 years of education fully equips us to diagnose and to perform medical screening/refer out when appropriate. With the current healthcare environment and staffing issues causing some patients to wait months to get in to a PCP or other physician prior to having access to imaging, there is no time like the present to reduce this barrier to access. Many of my patients who self refer to PT would be appreciative of my having the opportunity to use my entire skill set/education/training, including ordering imaging when appropriate.

In regards to protecting the term Doctor of Physical Therapy, unfortunately I have had a number of patients come to me stating that "I have tried PT before, it did not work", not realizing that their past "PT" was actually working with a personal trainer at a chiropractic clinic. If these are just the stories I hear from patients who make it into my clinic, how many MORE patients actually don't even make it to my clinic because they believe they have already failed PT? This unfortunately is limiting my opportunity to help many patients, using my skill sets, because of false advertisement which is hurting my profession!

Thank you for your consideration of helping the profession of physical therapy work at its fullest potential.