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Acupuncture has a long and formidable history of thousands of years in its country of origin. In the US it has been legally practiced in many states since the 1980's, in some places even earlier. Educational standards and competency exams have been established to create not only highly effective practitioners, but more importantly to insure the public's safety. We have established licensure with specific educational standards that are in alignment with countries around the world. Any practitioner who wishes to practice this form of medicine and use acupuncture needles, should be held to the standards of practice already established. With that in mind I oppose the use of acupuncture or dry needling to anyone who can not meet the already well established standard of practice. Thank you for continuing to make public safety the guiding principal.