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If physical therapists would like to perform acupuncture in a professional capacity, then they should go to acupuncture school. "Dry needling" (needle insertion) is only acupuncture by another name, performed by people with very little training and limited understanding of the practice. For decades the practice of acupuncture has been tightly regulated in this country, and for good reason. There should be no quickie back-door to legally practicing acupuncture, as is true with all licensed medical practices. Standards matter. The patients and the professionals who've dedicated years to their training deserve protection from the law.

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