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Hello,

I am a PT that has practiced for 45 years in the state of South Carolina. I have been doing dry needling since 2012 in my private practice. My practice is primarily pain management of orthopedic problems and I only have a few regular clients but mainly just have word- of -mouth referrals. With all the experience I have over the years I can solve many of the stubborn problems people have with their muscles and movement patterns. Dry needling rapidly gets to the crux of the muscle tension and pain caused by trigger points and bands of tense and short tissues. Often one or two visits resolves the pain and problems. I operate a cash-based business model and I save people so much time and pain and money by utilizing this amazingly technique. I have treated 25-40 people a month for 13 years (since I trained to do dry needling) and used dry needling on 95% of them with no adverse reactions except soreness at the trigger point site. People come back over and over, with new problems often, because they remember how much it helped them. PT's deal with pain in the majority of their patients. Having the dry needling as one of the tools in their tool bag helps them treat the whole patient and return them to independence and health and function faster.

Pertaining to DME prescribing: In an effort to save healthcare dollars is makes sense to have the provider who knows the patient's functional ability most intimately to order what is needed. This avoids ordering something that will over or under utilized.