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Needle insertion is not a benign intervention. In clinical practice, it often requires precise placement into muscles, fascia, and joint spaces near critical anatomical structures such as the lungs, blood vessels, and nerves. Even slight deviations in angle or depth can result in serious injury—such as pneumothorax, nerve trauma, or vascular puncture.

Oregon-licensed acupuncturists complete more than 2,500 hours of education, including over hundred of hours of supervised clinical training. This is the total opposite of the training that PTs must complete to perform the medical intervention of “needling “.

Lowering the bar for training undermines this standard of care and puts patients at unnecessary risk. Please oppose this bill as it is NOT a danger to our profession , but it IS a great danger to patients .