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I strongly oppose the use of dry needling by athletic trainers. This invasive technique is not within their scope of practice, nor is it included in their formal education. Procedures involving needle insertion are Acupuncture and require rigorous, standardized training to ensure patient safety.

It is deeply concerning that some athletic trainers and physical therapists begin dry needling (Acupuncture) on patients after completing only a brief weekend seminar, often with no prior experience. Would you trust a loved one to someone with such limited training? This practice is not only unsafe—it denigrates the professionals that do have in-depth training and education. .

We have an obligation to protect the public, who may be unaware of the training required for such techniques. Expanding the scope of invasive procedures to providers without comprehensive education and oversight is a dangerous trend and greatly increases the risk of negative outcomes.

I urge you to uphold high professional standards and prioritize public safety by enforcing strict training requirements and scope-of-practice boundaries. Please make the ethical choice.