

Hello!

I hope you are well. My name is Dr Michelle Lee and have been a licensed acupuncturist for this great state of Maryland for over 15 years. And I am sick of this discussion of dry needling to those who are NOT qualified to be doing MY JOB.

This is a not a debate. Dry needling is ACUPUNCTURE. I have gone through extensive training to allow for me to work as an acupuncturist and to find out another group is trying to muscle in on my business? No. This has got to stop. If I were to proposed the same thing allowing me as an acupuncturist to be an Athletic Trainer (or physical therapist or chiropractor or medical doctor) with a weekend course, you know for a fact the athletic trainers will rally because their education isn't boiled down to a few hours. This is an insult to what I worked very hard for and to my industry in Eastern Medicine. Implications of racist appropriation are indeed being said.

I am vehemently against any further exploitation of acupuncture as a cavalier form of medicine. This cheapens the integrity of acupuncture to the populace if you allow for this bill to pass.

Respectfully,  
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