



NH Acupuncture & Asian Medicine Association

A Voice for Asian Medicine in the Granite State

Greetings,

This letter concerns the use of injection therapy in the state of New Hampshire. Injection therapy is a form of treatment that involves the injection of small amounts of sterile saline solutions and other prepared substances into muscle tissue for the alleviation of pain and reduction of inflammation. It is used as a form of treatment in China along with traditional acupuncture and other older healing modalities. Its use in China is considered to be a branch of acupuncture and herbal medicine applied using modern scientific knowledge.

Injection therapy is currently within the scopes of practice for acupuncturists in many states, including Colorado, New Mexico, Florida, and the District of Columbia. In these states it is considered a supplemental form of care that acupuncturists are allowed to provide upon completion of an additional 30-60 hours of training covering the safe and proper use of hypodermic syringes, compounds that are used for injections, indications for the treatment, and management of allergic reactions and other risks that may be a result of the therapy. This additional education is required by these states to ensure that acupuncturists who utilize this therapy are trained above and beyond the standard education for safe & effective needle insertion, since the standard education often does not cover the use of hypodermic syringes.

New Hampshire State Law defines the scope of practice for licensed acupuncturists in Section 328-G:10: "the scope shall include the allied techniques and modalities of Oriental Medicine, both traditional and modern". Given how injection therapy is used in China, it is the current position of the New Hampshire Acupuncture and Asian Medicine Association that injection therapy is within the proper scope of practice for licensed acupuncturists. We agree with other states that supplemental education in the amount of 30 hours is appropriate for acupuncturists who wish to use this method.

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