



Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture & Related Techniques

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Re: Injection & IV Therapy

Dear Doctors,

This is to inform you of some important changes to the ASBART rules and regulations that will affect all DOMs.

Despite vigorous opposition, Senator Percy Malone's Senate Bill 402 was passed by the Arkansas legislature and was signed into law by Governor Beebe. These new regulations will go into effect approximately July 29, 2009.

Accordingly, injection and IV therapies will no longer be in the scope of practice of Arkansas DOMs. The prescription and administration of legend drugs will also be prohibited. You will need to stop using these techniques and substances. Having stated this, the course offered by Dr. Dan Martin and the Southern College of Oriental Medicine on injection and IV therapies will not be accepted as approved credit hours during the relicensing process.

Senate Bill 402 has also mandated that the DOM designation will be disallowed. You can no longer be called doctors or physicians. All mention of Doctor must be removed from signs, business cards, flyers, advertisements, etc. The title of licensed acupuncturist, L. Ac., will now be used. You may also refer to yourself as certified acupuncturist, acupuncture practitioner, or Oriental acupuncture practitioner.

There is a possibility that our DOM status may be maintained. ASBART has requested an Attorney General's Opinion concerning this matter. We are awaiting his reply and will keep you informed.

Any reports of non-compliance will be subject to investigation and disciplinary action.

The new rules and regulations will be posted on the ASBART website upon finalization. Contact the ASBART if you need further information.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this will cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Janice Vigh".

Dr. Janice Vigh, ASBART President