

Title: SCOPE OF PRACTICE: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

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The purpose of our display is to highlight recent projects and activities of the Scope of Practice Partnership in its efforts to protect the health and safety of the public. Every year, in nearly every state, nonphysician practitioners lobby for expansion of scope of practice. While some scope expansions are appropriate and beneficial to patients, many are unwarranted intrusions into the practice of medicine. The health and safety of patients are threatened when nonphysician practitioners are permitted to perform services that are not commensurate with their education or training. The next few years present an important opportunity for the Scope of Practice Partnership to be a force for meaningful change in how scope of practice issues are addressed at the state level. As a result, the SOPP has undertaken the following projects:

Project 1: Scope of Practice Data Series: A Compendium Comparing Education, Licensure, Etc., of Physicians and Various Nonphysician Practitioners

Project 2: Creation of State-level Joint Review Committees

Project 3: Geographic Distribution/Mapping Tool

Project 4: Truth in Advertising Campaign