

**Health Issues Discussion
Group**

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- Health Issues Discussion Topics**
- Scope of practice
 - Dual registration in professions
 - Emerging or new professions
 - Influence of new technology on practice
 - Healthcare records
 - Reciprocity or recognition of qualifications
 - Impaired Practitioners -California, Oregon

- Scope of practice**
- How defined? E.g. -Podiatry- how far up the leg? Optometry - Glaucoma? Chiropractors?
 - State laws/Board rules? - Canadian model - list specific acts?
 - Institution/employer policies?
 - Role of insurance/Medicare?
 - FL Zero Tolerance example - terminated from Medicare/Medicaid - you're out
 - Role of professional organizations

Dual registration in professions

- Multi-jurisdictional--
- Multi-license (more than one profession)
- Telepractice?
- Where are the boundaries, and how diffuse should they be?
- What are possible solutions for adjoining states or countries?

Emerging or new professions

- Naturopaths, homeopaths?
- Traditional Chinese Medicine?
- Physician Assistants in Canada?
- Unregulated providers?
- Medical Home Model & its implications
- Increased home care - home dialysis - regulatory implications?

Influence of new technology on practice

- Internet
- Online applications
- EMR - the Electronic Medical Record
- IPIP - Improving Performance in Practice - Practice Audit
- Medical Home model
- Pay for performance

Healthcare records

- EMR
- HIPPA
- VA Department of Health Professions!
- Health practitioner monitoring
- Inter-organizational sharing/access

Reciprocity or recognition of qualifications

- Interstate - what about telepractice?
- Inter-country - EU requirements?
- Driver's license model
- Are you asking the right question?
 - Ever had:
 - an allegation of professional misconduct?
 - a charge?
 - a conviction? a disciplinary action?
 - by/from:
 - a regulatory agency?
 - another jurisdiction?
 - another licensing Board?

Impaired Practitioners

- California
- Oregon
- How do you balance the needs of the practitioner versus public protection?
- How can you best ensure the program is working?
