

I would like to support the removal of mandatory collaboration from the practice of APRNs in CT.

I have been a family nurse practitioner for over 30 years. I have worked in hospitals, corporations, community clinics and now in college health. I have worked independently, referring to physicians and specialists as needed. I have been fortunate in that most of my professional life I have been able to practice with collaborating physicians serving as consults, not supervisors. I find that the APRN culture of practice is a careful and collaborative one, collaborating not only with other specialists, but with the patients themselves. Perhaps that is part of the reason that our malpractice record is so good.

I strongly encourage the legislature to allow us to practice without the constraint of the mandatory collaborative practice agreement. Many of us are already practicing that way, with the "collaborative physician" in name only.

Thank you-

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