

Eric D. Grahling MD SB 36

As President of the CT Pain Society, please let this serve as testimony of strong opposition towards SB 36. Said bill will endanger CT patients, expand the narcotic epidemic and increase the cost of care to us all. Pain management is an incredibly complicated field that takes many years of specific training to master and APRN's and CRNA's simply do not have that training. Most non-pain management physicians themselves even struggle with this aspect of patient care. CRNA's are not properly trained to perform any spinal injections for pain conditions (other than in OB anesthesia in the hospital perhaps) and if they are allowed to perform them, people will get hurt and the cost of health care will skyrocket with certain increased abuse and misuse. The number of narcotic prescriptions will increase surely and the epidemic of abuse will worsen. There is no access to care issue in CT as far as pain doctors go. The risks of said legislation far outweigh any potential benefits, of which we can see none.
Respectfully,

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