



To: Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

From: Aron Fast, Immediate Past President, Kansas Medical Society

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Re: SB 430; Permitting licensed physical therapists to perform certain tests

The Kansas Medical Society appreciates the opportunity to appear before you today with neutral comments on SB 430.

The Kansas Medical Society appreciates the opportunity to weigh in on matters of the care of Kansas patients. We appreciate all our colleagues who also take care of Kansas patients; including physical therapists. In this particular proposed legislation we have additional questions that warrant consideration before the passage of this expansion in scope of practice.

Physical therapists can currently perform the functions under the delegation of a physician in Kansas. Glucose monitoring can be prescribed by a physician or the supplies are currently available over the counter for those interested in health monitoring. Glucose monitoring with supplies and tests strips or with a sensor is safe and effective for individuals. However, with the addition of multiple individuals or health care providers doing this procedure there is the need for the additional protection to prevent transmissible disease [i.e., universal precautions].

Lactate monitoring is currently done in the hospital setting, to monitor for serious medical conditions such as sepsis. This is a venous blood draw. The capillary lactate has poor correlation to venous lactate, but is often used in the health or exercise monitoring realm. Again these single patient use machines can be purchased over the counter.

A CLIA waiver is a process that ensures that these tests can be performed safely. If physical therapists are allowed this privilege it must be done safely with proper patient protection, with clear benefit for patients, with informed consent for possible harms, with limitation on pediatric patients, with documentation consistent with medical health standards and with protocols to address false positive or false negative test results.

We would urge the committee to address these issues if SB 430 is advanced. Thank you.