

Testimonial in Opposition to SB 363
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
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Recently my company was contracted to Teach, Treat, and Demonstrate Functional Dry Needling (FDN) in China. We were invited because of an experience that the Physician to the Chinese President had involving FDN performed by a previous participant of our courses who Teaches with Functional Movement Systems.

The first three days in Beijing, we trained 18 people who were Physicians, Physical Therapists, Rehabilitation professionals and Dr's of TCM. We interviewed most of the participants upon completion of the training and they remarked that there was a significant difference between FDN and TCM. Particularly in theoretical model, the focus on the musculoskeletal system, having the ability to make changes quickly with a model of assessment—treatment—assessment and the ability to impact pain and function with FDN. They also commented on the importance of having multiple methods and theoretical models to offer their patients for the best results and they were excited to add FDN to their TCM treatment for optimal results.

One of the participants was the Physician to the Chinese President. He has been the Physician to the last three presidents. He was very clear on the differences between the use of FDN in Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine and how this is very different from the use of acupuncture in TCM. He was very excited to add this skill set to his clinical care and did not understand why there would be any issue with many different professions using an acupuncture needle or dry needle to impact their patients in the different ways that their professions educational and treatment model would dictate.

We also treated about 40 of their high level olympic athletes who all remarked at the differences between acupuncture and FDN and lastly we presented an exposure course to almost 80 of the most prominent physicians from around China. They all had very similar remarks as the Physician who invited us.

Thank you for considering my views.

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