**CT Naturopathic Doctors Need Your Help**

The Connecticut law governing naturopathic medicine is 90 years old and needs to be updated. To see more go to: <http://www.cnpaonline.org/2015/01/how-why-to-speak-with-your-legislator/>

A modern Naturopathic practice law enables NDs to fulfill many Connecticut patients’ primary care needs and will authorize NDs to prescribe a number of prescription medications and prescription natural substances.

The law update is important for these reasons and helps patients treated by NDs;

* NDs can provide many aspects of primary care
* In many cases, patients would not have to go back to their MD and ask for drug prescription recommended by an ND
* Patients save time, energy and money; Have fewer doctor visits
* Patients get faster and more efficient treatment
* Patients avoid duplication of services
* Patients get improved healthcare access

Naturopathic doctor education and training is very rigorous and is largely comparable to MDs. NDs graduate prepared to begin practice, diagnose, treat patients and prescribe medications when needed.

CT is not the first state to significantly expand and modernize the ND scope of practice (Arizona 2002, Washington 2005, Hawaii 2009, Vermont 2013 and California). In these and other states that allow NDs to prescribe prescription medications, the track record of safety is exceptional.

This ND law *update* is long overdue. To help CT NDs pay for lobbyists, legal help, media coverage and administrative help, we respectfully ask for your financial support. Please choose one or more donation options listed below: (Donations are not tax deductible)

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