

**MSDC**

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# **The Mother of All Scope Bills How MSDC Fought Back**

# My Perspective

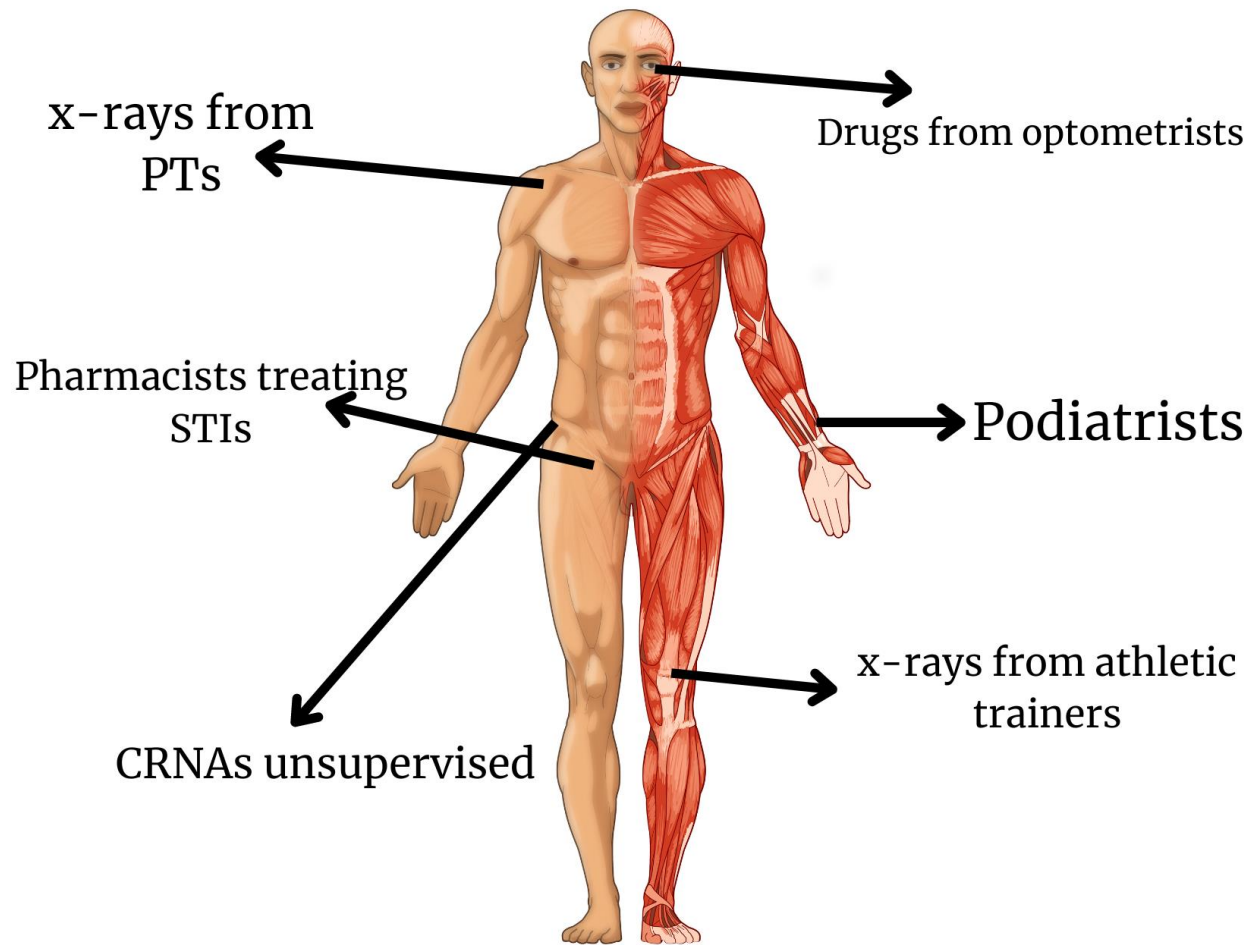
- MSDC Past President
- Treasurer
- MSDC Delegate
- Full time practicing physician in large health system
- DC government Board and Commission member



# THE ~~HORROR~~ HORA BILL



# Changing Medicine in DC... for the worse



# Don't peeve off physicians



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Public Hearing

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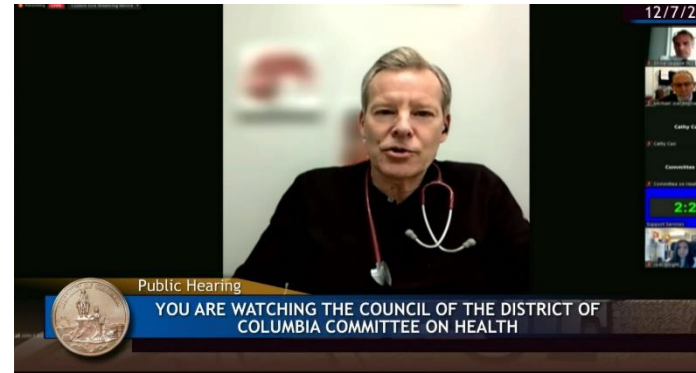
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Public Hearing

**DR. ASHESH PATEL**  
PRESIDENT, MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

2:40

This screenshot shows a Zoom meeting with two participants. The left participant is a woman with long brown hair. The right participant is Dr. Ashesh Patel, a man with glasses. A timer in the bottom right corner of the right window shows 2:40. A banner at the bottom of each window reads "Public Hearing" and "YOU ARE WATCHING THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE ON HEALTH".



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2:20

This screenshot shows a Zoom meeting with one participant, a man with a stethoscope around his neck. A timer in the bottom right corner shows 2:20. A banner at the bottom reads "Public Hearing" and "YOU ARE WATCHING THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE ON HEALTH".



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1:48

This screenshot shows a Zoom meeting with one participant, a man in a suit. A timer in the bottom right corner shows 1:48. A banner at the bottom reads "Public Hearing" and "YOU ARE WATCHING THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE ON HEALTH".



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Public Hearing

**JENNIFER MILLS**  
PHYSICIAN, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

2:45

This screenshot shows a Zoom meeting with one participant, a woman with dark hair. A timer in the bottom right corner shows 2:45. A banner at the bottom reads "Public Hearing" and "JENNIFER MILLS PHYSICIAN, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER".



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Public Hearing

**ANNE MARIE DIETRICH**  
PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

This screenshot shows a Zoom meeting with one participant, an older woman with short white hair. A banner at the bottom reads "Public Hearing" and "ANNE MARIE DIETRICH PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY".



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Public Hearing

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1:00

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# But they did, so did we....



Physician Voices  
for Patient Safety



Grassroots  
lobbying



Wilson Building  
lobbying



Pulse surveys



Media outreach

Thank you to the AMA Scope of Practice Partnership!

# Results

- Won some, lost some
- Ease of access was hard to overcome
- Health equity was used effectively against us (even with evidence otherwise)
- Rates of opioid abuse a good counterpoint to scope expansion
- Comparing experience and education had mixed results

# You're next!

