

Hello Denise and Maida,

This letter was written for Gabe Gilman and sent 2/2/17 to him. I have yet to hear a response. Because the VTAA has advised us to send testimony to you, I am submitting this letter to you as well for your review. This is specifically regarding the potential removal of stool analysis under our licensure.

As a member of the Vermont Acupuncture Association and a practicing acupuncturist in the state of Vermont, I have been made aware of a proposed change to our scope of practice, specifically stool analysis, and appreciate the opportunity to share my perspective.

I have been licensed since 2003 in California and 2005 in Vermont after graduating from Pacific College of Oriental Medicine in San Diego.

My graduate training incorporated both biomedical and Chinese Medicine analysis of laboratory testing. I have additional training in interpreting these tests and use them regularly in my clinical practice. I understand you are concerned these tests are being used to diagnose disease from a Western medical perspective and I can assure you this is not the case. Traditional and modern Chinese Medical practitioners use the tests in clinical practice to better understand the patient's condition from a Chinese Medical perspective and determine a treatment protocol within that context.

The analytic information gleaned from stool analysis allows me to be a more effective and efficient provider. This is a valuable clinical tool that enables Chinese Medical practitioners to gather a more complete picture of the patients' systemic health. This testing is low risk and provides a wealth of information with regards to a patients nutritional and bacterial status.

Stool analysis has been an important part of Traditional Chinese Medical practice throughout its long history. For more than 2000 years practitioners have used stool analysis as part of the conversational intake and, more primitively than modern methods, the doctor would pick through the stool to discover if there was phlegm, undigested food, or parasites in order to best treat the patient. Current medical literature shows the commensal bacterial colonies that inhabit the micro-biome are correlated with many health conditions ranging from rheumatoid arthritis to obesity to neurocognitive changes. Revoking the use of stool analysis as a clinical tool would be both removing a time honored practice and limiting the efficacy of treatment.

Can you please send to me in writing -your justification for this potential change?

I would be happy to sit down with you to share with you how stool analysis is used in my practice and Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Sincerely,
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