



Coalition for Safe Acupuncture Practice Mission Statement

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) inherits and develops the philosophies of Taoism and Confucianism and uses them to understand disease and health. The guiding concept of TCM is a correspondence between humankind and nature. We, as an organism in nature, reflect the world in which we live, thus making a balance between humankind and nature essential for wellbeing. Practice of acupuncture with a knowledge of the concepts of Traditional Chinese Medicine is essential to preserving the efficacy, the safety, the harmony and ultimately the power of acupuncture to heal.

The **Coalition for Safe Acupuncture Practice** believes in the mindful practice of acupuncture, with the complete Traditional Chinese Medicine educational training that is necessary to achieve that practice. In the United States, both the American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (AAAOM) and the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine have examined the practice of Dry Needling and found it to be consistent with and synonymous with the practice of acupuncture.

Therefore, the Coalition for Safe Acupuncture Practice advocates complete acupuncture training and state acupuncture licensure of all those practicing Dry Needling. We hope to welcome fellow health care practitioners to our Traditional Chinese Medicine discipline.