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Know Who is Treating You

Nearly 50 percent of American physicians are considering leaving all or most patient care behind. They’re burning out from bureaucracy. What if doctors disappear? Nurse practitioners aren’t doctors. They’re nurses. And physician assistants aren’t doctors. They’re assistants.

Neurologist Virginia Thornley says the term “provider” lumps physicians and these non-physicians together as though they’re interchangeable. But physicians have 11 to 17 years of medical training. No one else does. Yet, nursing groups want nurse practitioners to practice free of physician supervision. Some NPs are getting Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees and calling themselves doctors. Always check credentials. If you want a medical doctor, a physician, ask for one.

“The demise of medicine, physician censorship: Neurologist reports she was sued for $1.27M in legal fees for advocating for patient care,” Virginia Thornley, M.D., Neurologybuzz, July 30, 2018: https://neurologybuzz.com/2018/07/31

