

## The Reply



I don't think that creating MDs with less training is a good idea. They would be seen as second-class doctors to the public—and to our current physicians.

However, I do agree with Dr Volpintesta's last paragraph in his comment on 2 previous articles in the *The American Journal of Medicine*.<sup>1,2</sup> We have a significant number of nurse

practitioners and physician assistants, and they are well prepared to provide primary care.

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