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Via Email: PainTaskforce@hhs.gov.

Subject: Nomination of Dr. Scott Horn to the Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force

Dear Dr. Singh:

The Spine Intervention Society (SIS), a multi-specialty association of over 2,700 physicians dedicated to the development and promotion of the highest standards for the practice of interventional procedures in the diagnosis and treatment of spine pain, is pleased to nominate Scott I. Horn, DO, for a position on the Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force. Dr. Horn is a practicing, Board-certified physiatrist from Virginia Beach, and his experience and knowledge of both pain management and health policy issues would make him an excellent member of the Task Force.

Dr. Horn has been an advisor to the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Relative Value Update Committees (RUC) for more than 10 years. As a member of multiple specialty societies, Dr. Horn is a committed and active leader on health policy committees for the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPMR), the North American Spine Society (NASS), and SIS. In November of 2014, he also served as a clinical expert to the Food and Drug Administration's Anesthetic and Analgesic Drug Products Advisory Panel assessing the risk of serious neurologic adverse reactions associated with epidural steroid injections administered to reduce inflammation for pain management.

Dr. Horn's expertise in addressing policy issues related to interventional pain management, paired with his active involvement across multiple specialty societies, have garnered him respect from his colleagues in all of these arenas. If appointed to serve on the Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force, Dr. Horn is enthusiastically willing to serve and participate in all meetings. We are confident that he would be an invaluable asset to the Task Force.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this nomination and for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Belinda Duszynski, Senior Director of Policy and Practice, at bduszynski@SpineIntervention.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy P. Maus, MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "M".

Timothy P. Maus, MD
President
Spine Intervention Society