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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Via Email: PainTaskforce@hhs.gov.

Subject: Nomination of Dr. Kevin Vorenkamp 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 Kevin Vorenkamp, MD, for a position on the Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force. Dr. Vorenkamp is a practicing, Board-certified anesthesiologist and serves as the director of the Pain Medicine Fellowship at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, WA. His experience and knowledge of both pain management and health policy issues would make him an excellent member of the Task Force.

Dr. Vorenkamp is active with multiple pain societies, including the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine (ASRA), American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), SIS, and will be the program chair for the ASRA 2017 Pain Medicine meeting. He was elected to the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology Editorial Panel beginning May 2015. His major areas of interest involve interventional pain treatments targeting head and facial pain, spine and sacroiliac joint pain, as well as issues related to pain medicine coding, compliance, and practice management. He remains focused on education and advocating for patients and pain medicine physicians who practice evidence-based pain treatments for their patients.

Dr. Vorenkamp'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. Vorenkamp

is enthusiastically willing to serve and participate in all meetings. We are confident that he would be an invaluable asset to the Task Force.

Dr. Vorenkamp's contact information is included below:

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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 or 630.203.2252.

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