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Kimberly Topper  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: Medical Use of Opiate Analgesics

Dear Ms Topper:

I strongly support the use of Oxycontin and other opioid analgesics in the treatment of chronic or prolonged **subacute moderate to severe pain** in cancer patients and non cancer patients when more conservative methods have been tried and fail to adequately control the pain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Verne H. Dodson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "D".

Verne H. Dodson, M.D.