



PAIN AND ORTHOPEDIC NEUROLOGY

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a neurologist, with over 14 years experience in pain management in private practice at the Charlotte Spine Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Over the past several years, I have used Oxycontin as a first line treatment for patient's with chronic nonmalignant pain who require narcotic medication on an ongoing basis.

Patient's have reported beneficial or adequate pain control with Oxycontin, and the few who have overused or abused the medication, have been easily identified early in their treatment. Overuse or abuse is usually treated by tapering the medication and/or discharge from the clinic and referral to a treatment program. Overuse and abuse is encountered in only 5-10% of our patients, and all opioids serve as an equal risk for addiction.

We feel, if used appropriately, Oxycontin is an excellent choice for the treatment of chronic nonmalignant pain.

Yours truly,



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