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Dear Ms. Topper,

As physician manager for our offices, I am writing to express our opinion on the issue of physicians in general medical practice continuing to prescribe the modified release opiate analgesics.

With the miserable triplicate prescription rules in this state (made no more hassle-free by the new scripts coming out), it is already difficult to prescribe for patients having severe, chronic pain.

This type of patient, in an Internal Medicine practice, most often has cancer, for which little else can be done besides easing symptoms.

It would be a terrible disservice to patients who are chronic sufferers to relegate them to a few providers who will not be able to keep up with their care needs.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Nardi