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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to state my support for the use of long acting and short acting synthetic opioids as a systematic method for managing postoperative pain. Personally, in my practice, in patients who require more than 2-3 days of opioids for postoperative pain control for larger surgical procedures, I utilize a combined method of long acting synthetic opioid (Oxycontin) coupled with short acting synthetic opioid (Oxy-IR) to manage these patients with their acute operative pain. I prefer this drug combination because it does allow me the ability to use other pharmacologics, such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories (i.e. Motrin) or intra-muscular/intravenous Toradol, for pain control.

I feel that this aggressive systematic approach to postoperative pain management has led to shortened hospital stays, improved and hastened patient recovery, and overall less use of narcotics by my patients.

Sincerely,



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