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Kimberly Topper
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Dear Ms. Topper:

I am just writing this to weigh in on the debate of use of opioid in pediatric populations or in chronic pain of non-malignant etiology.

I am a primary care doctor. I use narcotics occasionally and sparingly, I believe. Clearly there is a small but significant percentage of people who suffer from chronic pain and there is always a great concern about being able to afford them proper pain management with the risk of creating a larger problem. To this end, I believe that most family physicians and others in primary care, do judiciously monitor the use of pain medication and would hope that the FDA continues to support this position.

Thank you very much.

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