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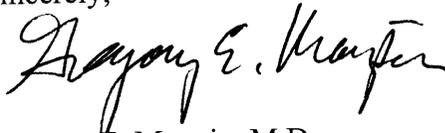
Dear Ms. Topper:

Re: Oxycontin Medication

I have used Oxycontin for pain relief for several of my patients who have had surgical pain post-operatively lasting two to four weeks. We have had good pain control and management. I have had no patients become addicted to Oxycontin. I am aware of the abuse potential of Oxycontin but, through the years, several narcotic drugs have been abused and I do not believe that the makers of Oxycontin should be penalized and have this drug taken off the market because of people misusing the drug.

Oxycontin is a good drug when used appropriately and I feel it should remain part of my armamentarium for treating long-term pain patients.

Sincerely,



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