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RE: Sacroiliac Joint Complex Pain International Guidelines

Dear Colleen Healy,

The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) appreciates the opportunity to review the Multispecialty International Working Group (MIWG) Sacroiliac Joint Complex Pain International Guidelines for endorsement considerations. AAPM&R is the national medical specialty organization representing more than 10,000 physicians who are specialists in physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R). PM&R physicians, also known as physiatrists, treat a wide variety of medical conditions affecting the brain, spinal cord, nerves, bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, and tendons. PM&R physicians evaluate and treat injuries, illnesses, and disability, and are experts in designing comprehensive, patient-centered treatment plans. Physiatrists utilize cutting-edge as well as time-tested treatments to maximize function and quality of life.

The Committee evaluated this guideline using the Appraisal of Guidelines for Research & Evaluation (AGREE) II Tool. Overall, the Committee agreed that the guideline is well done and provides pertinent recommendations for management SIJ Pain. The AAPM&R Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) Committee affirms the value of the Sacroiliac Joint Complex Pain International Guidelines.

This affirmation implies permission for the MIWG to officially state that AAPM&R provided a representative to the development of the guideline but may not state that the AAPM&R endorses the document. Please note that the AAPM&R logo may not be used.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to review the (MIWG) *Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) for Sacroiliac Joint Complex Pain*. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Meredith Ablao, Quality & Research Coordinator, Department of Quality & Research Initiatives, at mablao@aapmr.org or (847) 737-6015.

Sincerely,



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