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Doris Grinspun, Chief Executive Officer Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario 158 Pearl St Toronto ON M5H 1L3

Dear Dr. Grinspun:

Thank you for you and your committees' work developing the "Assessment and Management of Pain Guideline." It is an impressive document and well reflects the commitment and dedication of those in the nursing community to improve the care for patients. The guideline is comprehensive, up-to-date and provides practical guidance and resources.

The IASP Executive Committee is pleased to inform you that after review by an independent IASP Endorsement Task Force IASP endorses these guidelines. The reviewers were unanimous in their endorsement recommendation and appreciated that the document emphasizes assessment of pain (initial and follow-up) which is the cornerstone of pain management.

Again, congratulations on your work.

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Sincerely yours,

Fernando Cervero, President