

January 2, 2024

John Kniery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
2nd Floor
Springfield, IL. 62761

Re: Pain and Spine Institute Surgery Center (Proj. No. 23-033)

Dear Mr. Kniery:

I am writing this letter with a tremendous amount of support to establish a limited surgery center affiliated with the Pain and Spine Institute in Joliet, Illinois which cares for patients who suffer from chronic pain.

I have been a patient with the Pain and Spine Institute under the care of Dr. Udit Patel since he began his practice. During the time Dr. Patel has been treating my cervical spine issues (as a result of four major surgeries), he has reduced and eliminated certain opioid pain medications by treating my condition with different types of injections from time to time. With the opioid crisis in our country becoming more and more of an issue, it is harder for patients to receive medications that are prescribed by a qualified physician who only has the interest in helping his or her patients to the best they can in dealing chronic pain. Therefore, I strongly believe that a limited surgical center that deals with these patients will open new doors to different techniques and procedures that can be of great help in dealing with these medical issues.

A local pain surgical center not only would be easier for the patient to access but it would eliminate being "admitted to a hospital". The last thing most chronic pain patients want to deal for many different reasons are being admitted to a hospital for a procedure that can be done in a local surgical center with all of the services a patient may need. Also, I truly believe a center such as this would make the patient's communication with his or her physician much more available and helpful. As a result, it would be much more beneficial to those involved. I'm not well versed in this area but I do believe this would be more cost effective for the patient as well.

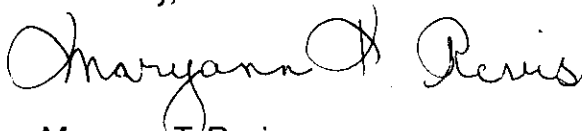
There are not enough words to express how grateful I am that I became a patient of Dr. Udit Patel, his understanding of chronic pain and a patient's helplessness after having surgeries that were supposed to correct a major health issue are above and beyond any of the surgeons I've dealt with since my first cervical spine surgery. Not only is he extremely understanding and compassionate he is very innovative in trying to help a patient dealing with chronic pain. I believe that a surgical center limited

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to dealing with severe chronic pain patients can and will open new doors in this much ignored field of medicine.

I truly hope that this project of a Surgical Center in Joliet, Illinois affiliated with the Pain and Spine Institute and Dr. Unit Patel becomes a reality. It would definitely be a great benefit to the community and those patients who truly need medical help in dealing with pain on a daily basis. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maryann T. Revis". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name being the most prominent.

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