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Dear Dr. Boswell:

As you know, the National Library of Medicine uses an advisory committee, the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee, composed of authorities knowledgeable in the field of biomedicine, such as physicians, researchers, educators, editors, health science librarians, and historians, to review and recommend the journal titles NLM should index. The Committee recently completed a review of journals for possible inclusion in the National Library of Medicine's MEDLARS system. I am pleased to inform you that *Pain Physician* has been selected to be indexed and included in MEDLINE. Databases in the MEDLARS system are available online in the U.S. and throughout the world. Citations from the articles indexed, the indexing terms, and the English abstract printed in the journal will be included in the databases.

In addition to informing you that your journal has been accepted for inclusion in MEDLINE, I would like to bring four issues to your attention.

First, it would speed the public availability of the citation and abstract considerably if the data for your journal were transmitted electronically to the Library in its required XML-tagged format. Please refer to NLM's Web site: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query/static/publisher.htm> for information for publishers including the requirements for our XML-tagged format. Communications about submission of citation and abstract data electronically to NLM should be sent to publisher@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov.

Second, since this title will be indexed in MEDLINE and thus available to health professionals for many years, I hope that you will ensure that the editorial content is printed on acid-free paper so that the pages in the journal will last as long as health professionals may need the information printed on them. During the past few years the Library has observed many journals changing from acid-based to acid-free paper. We applaud that change and if your journal is not already printed on acid-free paper, we encourage you to consider this change. It is helpful to libraries to have the acid-free status printed in the journal. We also ask you to complete and return the enclosed information form that will tell us about your present policy with respect to selecting the paper on which to print the contents of your journal.

Third, the Library currently subscribes to one copy of *Pain Physician*. This subscription will be continued to provide the title for the general collection and for indexing. If you wish, you can assist in expediting the indexing of this title by providing an extra copy for indexing gratis to NLM. **It would be helpful to receive one complimentary copy of this title. They should be addressed, without my name, to:**

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Sincerely,



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