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Dear Dr. Plagenhoef:

Thank you for inviting the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) to endorse the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Perioperative Surgical Home (PSH). Members of the Academy's Board of Governors are impressed with the results the PSH model has had to date on improving patient care and lowering costs in a variety of healthcare settings. As such, I am pleased to inform you that the Board voted this past weekend to endorse the PSH, and we look forward to working with you on this promising initiative.

We understand that we also have the opportunity to join the PSH Learning Collaborative Steering Committee, and we are excited to participate. We are in the process of identifying two AAPM&R representatives for the Steering Committee and will be in touch with your staff as soon as possible to provide their names and contact information.

It is my hope that this new endeavor will lead to a strong partnership between the AAPM&R and the ASA and will also be a catalyst for creating productive relationships between anesthesiologists and psychiatrists across the country as they strive to provide optimal patient care. Thank you again for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Steve Geiringer, MD
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