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200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 715-G

Washington, DC 20201

RE: Nomination of James Patrick Murphy, MD, MMM, FASAM to the  
Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force

Dear Dr. Singh,

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), which represents more than 5,000 physicians and allied health professionals who specialize in the treatment of addiction, is pleased to nominate Dr. James Patrick Murphy for the *Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force*. Dr. Murphy's diverse experience and significant expertise in the fields of addiction medicine and pain management make him uniquely qualified to serve as a member of the Task Force. We believe his perspective will be an invaluable addition as the Task Force considers the development and implementation of best practices in pain management.

Dr. Murphy has experience working in a variety of clinical environments and treating patients with many different pain and addiction needs. He currently serves as the President and Medical Director of the Murphy Pain Center, which he founded, and which serves, in addition to Greater Louisville, the region of Southern Indiana, an area badly affected by the opioid epidemic. Prior to this role and throughout his career, Dr. Murphy worked in Primary Care, Psychiatry, Anesthesiology, Pain Medicine, and Addiction Medicine. Moreover, he has the rare distinction of being triple certified in Anesthesiology, Pain Medicine, and Addiction Medicine.

Dr. Murphy is also a committed clinician educator and community leader on issues related to pain management, safe prescribing, and addiction. He has authored and delivered presentations throughout Kentucky that are approved by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure as satisfying the statutory and mandatory licensure requirements for CME regarding pain management with controlled substances, and he created and chaired the "Optimal Prescribing Is Our Inherent Duty" (OPIOID) comprehensive physician prescribing seminar for the Greater Louisville Medical Society. He also created and chaired the first ever Greater Louisville Medical

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Society Controlled Substances Task Force in 2004 in response to the burgeoning drug crisis in the Greater Louisville and surrounding areas. Finally, Dr. Murphy is a gratis (volunteer) Assistant Clinical Professor with the University of Louisville, School of Medicine, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, teaching medical students, residents, fellows, and staff best practice standards in pain management.

These recent activities provide only a snapshot of his long list of accomplishments and diverse roles in medical practice and patient advocacy, but illustrate Dr. Murphy's passion and technical expertise in the fields of Addiction Medicine and Pain Management. ASAM has chosen Dr. Murphy as our nominee because we know that charting the optimal future of pain care in our nation requires a thorough understanding of the nexus between pain and addiction, and Dr. Murphy is uniquely capable of bringing this element to the Task Force. Dr. Murphy's CV and a letter indicating his willingness to serve on the Task Force are enclosed with this letter.

The American Society of Addiction Medicine is pleased to offer Dr. James Patrick Murphy as our nominee to the *Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force*. If you should have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Susan Awad at [sawad@asam.org](mailto:sawad@asam.org) or at 301-547-4103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly J. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly Clark, MD, MBA, DFASAM  
President, American Society of Addiction Medicine

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## James Patrick Murphy, MD, MMM, FASAM

### EDUCATION/TRAINING

Marshall School of Business University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA <b>Master of Medical Management (MMM)</b>	2013
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN <b>Fellowship: Pain Management</b>	1997 – 1998
University of Louisville, Louisville, KY <b>Residency: Anesthesiology</b>	1989 – 1992
Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, FL <b>Aerospace Medicine / Naval Flight Surgeon</b>	1987
Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA <b>Internship: Psychiatry</b>	1985 – 1986
University of Louisville, School of Medicine <b>Doctor of Medicine (MD)</b>	1981 – 1985
Westminster College, Fulton, MO <b>Bachelor of Arts, English/Creative Writing</b>	1977 – 1981
Durrett High School, Louisville, KY ( <b>Valedictorian</b> )	1973 – 1977

### BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

Diplomate, American Board of Anesthesiology	1994 (Lifetime)
Subspecialty Certification in Pain Medicine	1996
Re-certifications and M.O.C. in Pain Medicine	2006, 2016
Diplomate, American Board of Pain Medicine	1997 (Lifetime)
Diplomate, American Board of Addiction Medicine	2004
Recertification and MOC in Addiction Medicine	2014
ABMS Subspecialty via American Board of Preventive Medicine: eligible Oct 2017	

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Louisville, School of Medicine Assistant Clinical Professor	1998 - 2000
Department of Anesthesiology (reappointment)	2004 - current
Mayo Medical School, Rochester, Minnesota Instructor of Anesthesiology	1997 – 1998
Reviewer for <i>Pain Medicine</i> Official Journal of the American Academy of Pain Medicine	2013 - current

### ASSOCIATIONS

Greater Louisville Medical Society, Board Chair	2014 - 2015
Greater Louisville Medical Society, President	2013 - 2014
American Medical Association	
Kentucky Medical Association KMA Community Connector Leadership Program	2015
American Academy of Pain Medicine	
Fellow, American Society of Addiction Medicine (FASAM)	
Kentucky Society of Addiction Medicine	

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

*Confidential Truth* (blog): <http://jamespmurphy.md.com>  
Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/jamespmurphy.md>

## **STATE LICENSURE**

Kentucky, Indiana  
Certified Medical Doctor Expert Witness (Florida)

## **PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS (selected)**

*OPIOID - Optimal Prescribing Is Our Inherent Duty* - Course Director  
Prescribing course for physicians, Greater Louisville Medical Society, Feb 2014  
*The Chronic Non-malignant Pain Ladder – A Novel Approach to Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. Journal of the Kentucky Medical Association*, January 2010, Vol 108  
*Tumblin' Dice – Why Does Random Matter? Practical Pain Management*  
Vol 6 (No 4) May/June 2006  
*The COMPLIANCE Documentation Aid. Pain Medicine* Vol 6 (No 4) July 2005  
*The ABC's of Pain. Practical Pain Management* Vol 5 (No 2) March 2005

## **AWARDS / HONORS**

The 17 <sup>th</sup> R. Dietz Wolfe Education Award and Lecture Norton Healthcare, Louisville, KY	2014
Westminster College Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award	2014
The Richard Spear, MD Memorial Essay Contest The Greater Louisville Medical Society	2010
Mayday Pain & Society Fellowship	2006
University of Louisville, School of Medicine Vice President, Class of 1985	1985
Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians Outstanding Graduating Senior University of Louisville, School of Medicine	1985

## **WORK HISTORY**

President and Medical Director, Murphy Pain Center	2000 – current
Director and Founder: Clark Memorial Hospital Pain Center Jeffersonville, IN	2010 - 2012
Anesthesiologist, The Brook Hospital, Louisville, KY	2001 – current
Consultant in Pain Management, Bluegrass Health Network	1999 – current
Anesthesiologist, Kosair Children's Hospital, Louisville, KY	2000 – 2008
Founder, CARE Clinic, P.S.C., Louisville, KY	1998 – 1999
Associate Consultant, Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN	1997 – 1998
Anesthesiologist, Hardin Memorial Hospital Elizabethtown, KY	1992 – 1997
Vice President, Heartland Anesthesia Consultants, P.S.C. Elizabethtown, KY	1995 – 1997
President, Hardin Anesthesiologists, P.S.C. Elizabethtown, KY	1992 - 1995
Anesthesiologist, Surgical Center of Elizabethtown Elizabethtown, KY	1993 – 1997
Physician / Flight Surgeon, United States Navy	1985 – 1989

## **INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER WORK**

Operation Smile International Medical / Surgical Missions (Anesthesiologist):  
Philippines (1992, 1994), Brazil (1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005), Nicaragua (2008)

**From:** James Murphy  
**To:** [Susan Awad](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Nomination final draft  
**Date:** Monday, September 18, 2017 6:24:51 PM  
**Attachments:** [James P. Murphy CV 9.10.17.pdf](#)

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Susan,

Here is the email I sent to HHS, which can serve as confirmation that I will agree to serve if I am selected to the Task Force. You may include it in the ASAM "package" or simply refer to it.

Also, attached is my CV

Looking forward to talking with you later this week.

Thanks!  
- Dr M

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** James Murphy <[jpmurphy.mpc@gmail.com](mailto:jpmurphy.mpc@gmail.com)>  
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September 11, 2017

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Science and Medicine

Dear Dr. Singh,

I would like to serve as a member of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services *Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force*.

My medical career has offered me diverse experiences, e.g., military medicine, academic medicine, public awareness campaigns, hospital-based practice, private

practice, business management, patient advocacy, overseas medical missions, and leadership roles in organized medicine. My training, credentials, and affiliations further illustrate the multifaceted perspective I can bring to the group. However, my most meaningful qualification is my more than twenty years of treating patients suffering with chronic pain.

Medicine has undergone seismic changes over the past two decades, and nowhere is this more evident than in the treatment of chronic pain. During this time I have been active with patient advocacy groups, state medical boards, law enforcement agencies, and other stakeholder organizations across the country in membership, leadership, educational and advisory capacities. My professional medical journey has taken me from Primary Care to Psychiatry to Anesthesiology to Pain Management to Addiction Medicine. As a result, I understand the varied points of view necessary in defining best practices in Pain Management.

My current curriculum vitae is attached to this email. I have no conflicts of interest, and I am not beholden to any organizations that could hamper my independent and honest contribution to the Task Force. I would be honored to serve, and I appreciate your consideration of my nomination.

Sincerely,

James Patrick Murphy, MD MMM FASAM

President and Medical Director

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