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Dear Colleague:

We would like to extend an invitation to healthcare professionals and policy makers to join an ongoing dialogue concerning issues at the interface between the fields of pain and chemical dependency. The Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care at Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, is again hosting an online discussion group [on *Yahoo™ Groups*] dedicated to the sharing of a broad range of information about these two fields, including neurobiological linkages, clinical issues, policy concerns, and others.

The group on pain and chemical dependency at the address, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/painchemdep>, provides a forum for physicians and other healthcare professionals to discuss how they can safely provide optimal levels of pain relief therapy to patients with and without a history of chemical dependency. The group also networks professionals who are interested in a more well-rounded understanding of the interrelationship between the disciplines of pain management and addiction medicine.

If you wish to join the group, visit the above website or complete and return the information below.

Sincerely,

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Pain and Chemical Dependency Professionals on Yahoo™ Groups

Please add me to the group.

Name: _____

Profession: _____ Specialty: _____

My email address is _____
(Please print clearly.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____