



July 26, 2010

Mr. Gene L. Dodaro  
Acting Comptroller General  
GAO Health Care  
Attn: PCOR Institute Board of Governors  
441 G St, NW  
Washington, DC 20548

**Re: Nominations to the Board of Governors of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute**

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

The Indiana Medical Device Manufacturers Council (IMDMC) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) notice on submission of nominees to the Board of Governors (Board) of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI).

Indiana has grown into a globally recognized center for medical devices, including orthopedic products, diagnostics, and high-tech cardiac implants. With over 300 FDA-registered medical device manufacturers, Indiana is one of the world leaders in the medical device industry. In fact, according to the U.S. Census, Indiana is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest state in the value of medical device products shipped. A wide variety of medical device manufacturers employ approximately 19,950 Hoosiers across the state, with a payroll of more than \$1 billion ranking Indiana 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation in terms of medical device sector employment. The IMDMC represents approximately 60 of these medical device manufacturers, as well as other industry stakeholders.

Recognizing the importance of the Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) work that PCORI will be undertaking, the IMDMC is appreciative that its Board will be comprised of individuals representing a variety of perspectives and views, including "pharmaceutical, device, and diagnostic manufacturers or developers" and "physicians and providers." The IMDMC is therefore pleased to support the highly qualified individuals below, each of whose nomination has been formerly submitted by individuals, firms or organizations that are part of our membership:

**Device Manufacturer or Developer**

- Shamiram Ruth Feinglass, MD, MPH, Vice President, Global Medical Affairs, Zimmer
- Richard E. Kuntz, MD, MSc, Senior Vice President for Strategy and Scientific Operations, Chief Scientific, Clinical and Regulatory Officer, Medtronic
- Kenneth Stein, MD, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, CRM, Boston Scientific Corporation, CRV Group
- Harlan Weisman, MD, Chief Science and Technology Officer, Medical Devices & Diagnostics, Johnson & Johnson

Please contact us at 317.951.1388 if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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