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Center for Pain Management Doctors Named to SpineUniverse Editorial Board

INDIANAPOLIS (January 28, 2010) – Edward J. Kowlowitz, M.D., owner and medical director of the Indianapolis-based specialty practice Center for Pain Management, and Alina Clavijo-Passik, Ph.D., HSPP, clinical psychologist at the Center, recently were named to the SpineUniverse editorial board, a "Who's Who" of the world's leading spinal pain management doctors. The board includes physicians, chiropractors, nurses and physical therapists who provide expert review of medical information designed to educate both consumers and medical professionals in back and neck pain diagnosis and treatment, as well as spine injury prevention.

SpineUniverse.com is a Web site offering thousands of peer-reviewed articles, case studies and other resources for people affected with back or neck problems such as lower back pain, sciatica, herniated discs or arthritis. To ensure the content on the site is accurate, reliable and trustworthy, members of the SpineUniverse editorial board review all articles before they are posted online.

Kowlowitz is one of the Midwest's most experienced pain physicians using neuromodulation to treat chronic back pain and continues to do extensive research and training to improve the safety and effectiveness of implantable devices such as spinal cord stimulators. He and his colleagues at the Center for Pain Management design treatment plans for both chronic and acute pain patients that may include interventional procedures, physical therapy, medication management and psychological counseling. Kowlowitz is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology, with added qualifications in pain management; the American Board of Pain Medicine; and the American Academy of Pain Management.

Clavijo-Passik is a clinical psychologist who has treated individuals with psychiatric and medical illnesses for nearly 20 years. Her role at the Center is to function as part of the multidisciplinary team and facilitate the improved overall health of patients by insuring that their mental health and emotional needs are met. Her professional work has included studying how cultural and psychosocial factors impact a person's ability to function and cope with chronic pain. She also trains health care professionals in assessing, diagnosing and treating Hispanic and Latino patients.

About the Center for Pain Management

The Center for Pain Management is one of Central Indiana's most experienced medical practices focusing exclusively on treating patients who suffer from back, head, neck, joint or cancer-related pain. This includes spinal injury, herniated discs, arthritis, failed back surgery, chronic pain, migraines and fibromyalgia. The Center's team of clinicians and board-certified physicians specializes in comprehensive evidence-based diagnostic and multi-disciplinary treatment modalities that include interventional procedures, physical therapy, medication management, spinal cord stimulation and psychological counseling. Physician referrals and patient self-referrals are accepted. For more information on the Center for Pain Management, visit www.IndyPain.com or call 706.PAIN (7246).

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