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### **Leading Pain Medicine Physicians Available for Comment and Background on FDA's Issuance of the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for Opioids**

July 9, 2012, Glenview, IL— The American Academy of Pain Physicians is pleased to make available three leading experts in the field of pain medicine to provide comment and background information on the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for opioids, which requires opioid manufacturers to provide education and training to prescribers of such medicines. They can provide information on the issue and best practices and describe AAPM's Safe Opioid Prescribing Course, which can serve as a model education program.

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