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Raymond Cloutier  
CEO/Founder  
NovApproach Spine

Dear Raymond,

Foundation for Physical Therapy Research (FPTR) is pleased to endorse ***For Such A Time As This – OrthoChallenge*** to help orthopedic patients awaiting elective surgeries. The COVID-19 crisis has created extreme challenges for all of us in the healthcare community, both personally and professionally.

FPTR's mission is to fund research and develop researchers to optimize movement and health. Now in our 4th decade, FPTR has established a reputation as the only national nonprofit solely dedicated to funding physical therapy research across specialties and patient populations. FPTR's years of investments have helped position the role and value of physical therapy in healthcare.

We empathize with the individuals having to delay their elective orthopedic procedures due to the stay at home mandates. Physical therapists can provide guidance and encouragement to patients for their continued adherence to exercise programs. ***For Such a Time as This – OrthoChallenge*** gives hope that novel and effective ways of doing this can be brought to patients sooner.

We hope that our endorsement of this project will ultimately help expedite introduction of new products, software, and services that address the needs of orthopedic patients.

We wish you much success and hope that you and those close to you are safe and healthy.

For further questions, please contact me at (703) 706-8502 or [barbaramalm@foundation4pt.org](mailto:barbaramalm@foundation4pt.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Barbara Malm'.

Barbara Malm, MBA  
Chief Executive Officer  
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