

Representing U.S. Pain in public: Decision tree

- 1) Do you have sufficient time to request and receive approval (2-3 business days)?
2) Do you think your viewpoint aligns with U.S. Pain's?
3) Would you like to represent U.S. Pain?

My answer to one or more of those questions is no.

No approval needed to speak from the personal perspective, as a patient. Use the phrasing "I am writing/speaking as a person with pain."

Even though you don't *need* approval, it's always a good idea to let U.S. Pain know you are engaging in the opportunity!

Yes to all three.

Approval needed. Contact the appropriate staff member at U.S. Pain and ask them to review your messaging.
For Advocacy:
shaina@uspainfoundation.org.
For Media:
emily@uspainfoundation.org

The staff person will review your messaging, identify whether the opportunity makes sense for you to speak as a U.S. Pain representative, and provide suggestions so that it aligns with organizational positions/values.

Once a staff member writes back to you with approval, you can include the language "I am writing/speaking as a volunteer advocate with the U.S. Pain Foundation."

Still need help deciding? Email contact@uspainfoundation.org.