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Terry Corbin is a quality improvement and clinical research consultant specializing in technology for back and neck pain. Terry assists insurers, provider groups and companies in designing quality improvement programs and scientific investigations to examine the effectiveness of new products and procedures.

Terry is a consumer advocate for back and neck pain patients and has represented them in a number of activities. Terry is a consumer member of the Executive Committee for the Minnesota Shared Decision Making Collaborative, a state-wide organization pursuing widespread adoption of shared decision making.

Mr. Corbin represented consumers and back pain patients at a multi-society conference titled Comparative Efficacy of Treatments for Lumbar Spine. This meeting was an early step toward the creation of an AHRQ-sponsored registry for tracking back pain therapy outcomes. Terry also represented consumers at a symposium titled Assessing the Effectiveness and Complications of Neck Pain Treatment Options sponsored by The Bone and Joint Decade 2000-2010 Task Force on Neck Pain.

For nine years, Terry was a Consumer Member of the board of directors of HealthPartners, serving in leadership positions including Vice Chairman and Chair of the Quality Improvement Committee. HealthPartners is a large health insurance and care delivery organization encompassing a major hospital, over 600 physicians, and 750,000 insurance members.

Among his publications is a recent textbook; Terry is senior editor of *Emerging Spine Surgery Technologies: Evidence and Framework for Evaluating New Technologies*. Terry is also author of many book chapters and journal articles on the effectiveness of diverse back pain control technologies, ranging from mattresses to artificial discs. He has been an invited speaker at spine-related medical conventions on trends in healthcare, such as evidence-based medicine, and how these trends will impact back pain patients. Terry is a long-time member of the editorial board of the *BackLetter*.

Prior to starting his consulting practice Terry was involved in product development, marketing and management of companies developing spinal implants and pain control devices. He earned a BSc in Biomedical Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.