

August 1, 2014

Ms. Ellen Satloff
Youth Sports Safety Alliance
National Athletic Trainers' Association
1620 Valwood Parkway, Suite 115
Carrollton, TX 75009

Dear Ms. Satloff,

It is with gratitude and great excitement that the Institute for Sports Medicine at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago accepts your invitation to become a member of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance. The initiatives of this alliance are consistent with the values and mission of our organization.

The Institute for Sports Medicine follows a family-centered care approach that aims not only to provide our patients with the best individualized care possible, but also to include and educate the family on their child's health. This approach supports many elements of the Alliance's call to action which values education of patients and their caregivers.

In addition, the Institute also feels strongly about educating the community about injury prevention and sports safety. The Institute for Sports Medicine at Lurie Children's is involved in knee injury prevention research and programming, instructing youth and their coaches on a dynamic warm-up of strengthening and plyometric exercises to reduce the risk of knee and other lower extremity injuries. These programs are key examples of how our education effort goes beyond the patient's visit, and aligns well with the call to action points of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance that focus on community involvement and education.

The Institute for Sports Medicine and Lurie Children's look forward to working with NATA's Youth Sports Safety Alliance in achieving and advancing our mutual goals and values concerning youth sports safety and injury prevention.

Sincerely,



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