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Allow people with chronic or acute pain to have the medication they have had for decades. People who once had QOL with their pain controlled have in the past many years been vilified, lied about, called drug seekers and lost their ability to work or care for themselves or loved ones. People have been given opioid medication for pain for thousands of years. Only a tiny fraction would abuse those drugs or die from an overdose. You have now destroyed the ability of a citizen to go to the ER for an acute pain episode because the ER is afraid to treat their pain. People who can get an Rx for pain medication often can find no pharmacy to fill it. Doctors are not treating post operative pain out of fear of the DEA and CDC. This is what they're being taught in Medical School now. It's an obvious lie that prescribing opioids responsibly will cause addiction. The damage that has been done to patient/doctor relationships is incalculable. You have turned doctors against patients they've been seeing for decades. You have done nothing to stop overdose deaths because prescription opioids have never been the cause of 99% of those deaths. How can you ever undo the damage you've done? First and foremost get out of the business of deciding what our care should look like. Stop listening to doctors who have a financial interest in treating pain with Suboxone. It's the dangerous opioid. It rots teeth, does not control pain and is horrible to come off of. Deal with the CDC and the DEA and their disgusting policies against doctors and patients. I have acute pain episodes that have been treated for decades by opioids. I now have to suffer in extreme pain often more than once per month. I fear traveling or making plans because I never know if I'll be able. This is a decade of hell for patients who are not addicts, will not become addicts and who deserve to be treated with medication that helps them have some QOL. Addiction is not just a physical condition but also a spiritual condition. Quit allowing Addictionologists to use suboxone to treat opioid addiction. Give people actual treatment and time to become sober.