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hi powers that be, can you just do what is right by the patients? I hate taking any meds, I am not now nor ever been a drug seeker. I am an injured worker who needs opioid pain meds to have any kind of life inside my four walls =outside is a treat that I do not get to enjoy when I want cause my freaking body does not do what I was once able to do.

the amount of time to get pain relief is obscene for all of us who need opioids to function, the cost (mental, physical and financial) of all the off label use meds did too my body for pain was horrible. the hoops drs. have to go through when they know what would work but corp. healthcare demands they put patients through ever possible drug, therapy before saying opioid is needed. The paperwork I needed to sign to get treatment was a slap in the face. Pain pts have to sign contracts, have drug screens, pill counts and can be called in at any time. EX> I was tested on a Thurs and was called Tues to come back. If you don't go in THAT day you're dismissed. So no visiting family or anything bc it can get you discharged. The amount of stress (mental/physical) our health system puts chronic pain patients through to get any-kind of relief from never ending pain is criminal.

it seems that the pharmaceutical co. would like a portion of the population to go die in a corner and stop complaining to our drs for pain relief that works for each individual, not what some CEO. needs to sell Let's not even go into what you are doing to the vets of our nation VHA, what about the drs. that leave patients stranded or made to use methadone as a way to control pain? Wasn't methadone for herion users? Since when is gabapentin a pain med? Oh in my case off label use of SSRI's and the like also suck for pain management and mess with your brain horribly. the side effects from some of the meds I have taken I don't know how the heck they made it to market. The almighty \$\$ seems to be the motivator for big pharma and corp. healthcare. It just should of never gotten this bad, I believe the medical/pharma industry way over corrected. I wish they would go and ban the advertising of meds again. I did not know about any of this before getting injured why is the CDC, DEA, or any other acronym agency involved with dr. patient relationship? the extraordinary scrutiny and malicious practices that have been imposed on doctors by pharma along with the ridiculous regulatory framework that doctors have been forced into. Return the doctor patient relationship to its core functionality is critical.

Pain management clinics, OMFG what a crap shoot that is, Most by me only offer injections, what kind of management is that when they do not work for you? Then others offer no opioid treatment just suboxone and other drugs that I want no part of. (off label use) yall should all pray nothing ever happens to you or loved one and watch how this health system treats you. In a blink of an eye my life changed and I now need (not want) drugs to function. The fight for what I have now was over 3 yrs of trials and failure, the fear I have is what happens if/when what I have stops being effective pain control and I need to ask for an increase, will my dr. be able too and still keep their license to practice?what has happened to me highlights a systemic problem where the patient's quality of life is often secondary to other considerations. please fix this over correction and help the chronic pain/illness community.