Public Comments for ICR 202412-0920-006

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I dislocated my spine and had around ten surgeries that left me fused at over 80 degrees kyphosis causing extreme pain. I was then put on higher dose pain meds for 21 years and then had a intrathecal pain pump implanted for 9 yrs which had to be removed due to infection and needed over 400mme to keep pain & withdrawal symptoms under control. Pain Dr then wanted to completely wean down & start buprenorphine which isn't even recommended for someone like me. Finding another Dr was next to impossible now because all just want to give non fda approved injections and for fear of prosecution, no more pain meds, which actually work consistently. New PM Dr is going slower but still wants me to 150mme which has taken away my ability to function in everyday life. I couldn't get palliative because I'm not dying which is supposed to be hospice not palliative. If they can't or won't help then who can help the people who were on higher doses that absolutely needed them to even get a shower more than once a week, especially like me who lost a pain pump that they still would give me now at that dose but not the oral equivalent that I need to replace what I had in the pump. Because of the damage the infection caused, no one will put in another. Why am I punished because I now need it orally instead of intrathecaly?

While I believe everyone should have proper pain control, there especially should be for individuals that will never recover or get better and tried everything else. I have no quality of life and need help desperately as I've lost all quality of life and can't drive, visit family, do the simplest of tasks or even stand for several minutes. This whole ordeal has been an over correction to illegal drug use and not an issue with people who actually need this for pain and to have any semblance of a semi normal life.