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Opioids do work for pain. Chronic pain patients do not get high off opioids; the pain is the target where the opioids go. We do not take more than we should nor do we run out of them before they're due. My former doctor was afraid of prescribing opioids due to the unrealistic and inaccurate beliefs about opioids. He did prescribe them to me because my doctor before him gave the prescription. She resigned; I was assigned to him. Before he retired, he attempted to very quickly wean me off them completely because he didn't know of any other doctors in the medical group who would prescribe them. I was moving far away anyway and joined a new medical group. I'm on the lowest dose possible which helps some of the pain but not most of it. Doctors are afraid to increase my dosage because of unfair, inaccurate regulations not based on open minded research. Please reconsider these regulations and how doctors who prescribe opioids are treated. The idea is to help us live a life with quality not be restricted consistently by pain. Please help us. We use them correctly. Always. Thanks.