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Hi, I'd like to make a comment on the CDC proposed guidelines. I have attempted so many different treatments for my conditions (sickle cell and cerebral palsy), ranging from simple muscle relaxers all the way up to surgery. I didnt know what zero pain felt like, until i received a trial dose of oxycodone. I went from barely being able to shower, not able to work, to able to function with pretty much zero pain. Yet, the only treatment I have found consistent relief with, just because a VERY small portion get addicted (0.3% of chronic opioid users), I'm forced to suffer? I went from a relatively standard dose of oxycodone, maybe a little high, to zero. In less than 30 days. Simply because my old doctor said he wasn't prescribing them anymore. He specifically mentioned the CDC guidelines and the crackdown on opioid prescriptions, which have not helped the fentanyl crisis. It might have been true in 2010 that most overdoses are prescription, but 2024? Not at all. Most are illicit fentanyl, which many people turn to because they can't get their medication. I personally know 3 people who are chronic pain patients, one with cancer, stage 4. She should pretty much have as much pain medication as necessary. Yet, she had to turn to illicit prescriptions, and then onto fentanyl when that became too expensive. She died of an overdose 3 months ago. Had she received a good standard of care, she would still be alive today. Yet the CDC and DEA decide that they know better than all doctors and that PAIN MEDICATION shouldn't be used for what it was made for, PAIN!