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I cannot stress enough how these "guidelines" have negatively impacted the lives of chronic pain patients who have been successfully and safely treated with opioids for years. I am not only a sufferer of chronic pain from Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, but I'm also a doctor of physical therapy for over 20 years.

The patient- doctor relationship has been invaded by beauracracy and politics leading to needless suffering and dysfunction. There is a place for oversight but not for criminalization of providers that carefully prescribe effective and safe medications to ensure function, quality of life, and contentment.

Please, please, please let my doctor give me my life saving medication without fear. Thank you.

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