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Since the 2016 and subsequent 2022 revised Opioid Prescribing guidelines, my mother's debilitating pain from Rheumatoid Arthritis, Osteoarthritis and Fibromyalgia have been under-treated as she was force tapered and strong armed into various infusions and injections that did not help. This has led to a slow decline is her quality of life and ability to take care of herself! In previous appointments when my mom would ask for help managing the pain her Primary would say " I can't. It's Illegal for me to prescribe you more". So, on a mere 5 mg of hydrocodone every 6 hours, she suffered and declined further! She recently had a pain crisis that sent her to the Emergency Department and was sent home with a shot of Toradol that was useless to treat her pain! The next day she gets into her Primary Dr who still REFUSED to give her anything for the pain until my dad and I both insisted on some help! It is frankly Elder Abuse to continue to under-treat her! Said Primary Dr begrudgingly gave her permission to take her already prescribed meds at every 4 hours for the weekend. Call Monday if you're not better. She wasn't better! Next appointment her primary DROPS her from managing her pain. She kept her as a regular patient but will not prescribe pain control. This is unacceptable. The fear and bias the CDC guidelines have infused into healthcare is criminal. Our providers need protection to treat their patients without worrying about their own licenses or prosecution! The hysteria around legal, safe opioids is HARMING people! The pain management Dr she goes to only wants to do injections. Where does this leave my 77-year-old Mother? That pain crisis could have killed her with a heart attack or stroke from how high her blood pressure went. She really thought it was the end. Pain is a vital sign! It should be treated without bias. Every single one of us is one bad accident away from needing pain control. Thank you for your attention to this matter.