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I would like to comment on these guidelines

I am a 51 year old chronic pain patient & I have been for many years. I am furious & really tired of being treated like just another junkie. I would ask that you please consider the people that have been on opioid pain meds for 10+ years that take their meds as prescribed & have never given their dr any problems like asking for more or saying they lost their meds...etc and have legitimate pain. Please stop lumping us in with the drug addicts that are abusing illicit drugs & overdosing on fentanyl. Stop putting the Dr's that are just trying to give their patients some quality of life in situations where they feel afraid of losing their license if they keep prescribing their chronic pain patients their medicine so they force them to either rapidly taper or just tell their patient that they won't prescribe their meds anymore because they read the CDC guideliness, & somehow took it as rules or laws so they think if they don't cut everyone back to the 90MME they will get in trouble. That's not at all what it means but that's how you worded those guidelines so it sounds like they have to go by these guidelines. Nobody is a one size fits all patient. Everybody responds differently to pain & pain medication depending on their metabolism, tolerance etc. We don't deserve to be punished because the cdc or whoever just thinks it's easier to look like they are doing something about the large amounts of people that overdose. When the problem lies with fentanyl flooding into our country. Please at least make it public & loud & clear that chronic pain patients should not have to be suddenly taken off their pain meds that have given them a litte quality of life by allowing some to be able to work & provide for their families & others to just be able to get out of bed in the morning. By taking their pain meds away you are still causing a worse problem. A lot of these patients have committed suicide because they can't stand the pain without their meds & it's just too much for them to handle. I just want to beg you to please to keep the chronic pain patients in mind & don't punish them for just doing what they can to make it. None of us asked to have to live in pain for the rest of our lives because of an accident or illness or whatever caused them to need pain medication. I appreciate you allowing me to comment. I pray something is done to stop making my & many others Drs scared to do their job. They went to school to be Dr's please respect that & allow them to do their job without worrying about if they are being watched etc... thank you.