

# FACT vs. FICTION

## The Opioid Crisis vs. The Untreated Pain Crisis

### FICTION

### FACT

We have a Prescription Opioid crisis.



We have a Carfentanil crisis. Carfentanil is a horse tranquilizer that is being laced into common street drugs and can lead to sudden death.

Cannabis can be used instead.



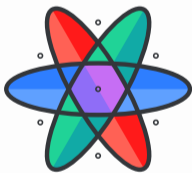
Cannabis can help mild to moderate pain. However, all individuals may not be able to tolerate cannabis. It is not a one size fits all solution.

There are alternative ways to treat pain.



Pain Management is complex, requiring individualized care. Alternative therapies may be used in conjunction with medication management to improve quality of life.

The CDC contends that there is no evidence that opioids work for long term pain.



The CDC did not use studies on pain lasting longer than a twelve week period to draw this conclusion.

Usage of opioids means your addicted.



Chronic pain is defined as pain lasting 12 weeks or longer.

Dependence does not equal addiction. The Cochrane study concluded that less than 1% of chronic pain patients on opioid therapy become addicted.

There are 100 million chronic pain patients who use their medications responsibly.