

# Top 10 Reason Doctors

are denying patients their pain medications.

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## Fear of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

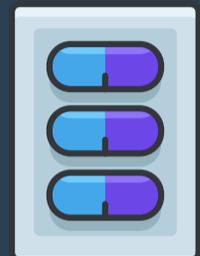
"My physician cited fear of the DEA and removed me from pain management and cut off my opiate medications without "medical tapering" (which is required for patient safety).  
Now, I'm dying of cancer and being told to take Tylenol for the pain."



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## 2016 CDC Opioid Guideline:

"I was given a form saying due to the CDC guidelines patients are not to be prescribed above 90 Morphine Milligram Equivalent per day. There is **no limit** to opioid dosage as this is individualized based on the patients illness/condition."



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## 2016 CDC Guidelines applied inappropriately:

"CDC guidelines were for Primary Care Physicians only. However, my Pain Management Specialist stated "We must comply" and reduced my medication despite decline in my physical condition."



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## Pain Clinic Closures:

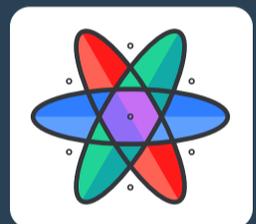
"Due to government interference and the practice of "benchmarking" physicians against one another (without insight into the individualized medical charts of the patients in question) my physician was forced to shut down their pain management practice."



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## Fear of Reprimand from State Medical Boards:

"My physician advised me I had to be removed from my opiate medications; citing letters from State Medical Boards and DEA "recommendations" regarding prescribing practices."



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## Fear of loss of medical licenses:

"First I was told that it was due to new CDC/State Board guidelines. Finally, my physician advised it was told out of fear of losing their medical license."



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## Insurance Carrier Interference & Denials:

My Primary care was forced to discharge me from his care, citing I was considered a "high risk liability" by their insurance carrier.



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## Medical Malpractice Insurer's

"Primary Care is citing states fear of the DEA & new rules from his malpractice insurer."



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## Private & Public Medicare/Medicaid Insurer's

"Private carriers are refusing to cover my medications. In addition, Centers of Medicare/Medicaid plan to impose "hard limits" for opiate medications and patients to be "recertified" every 7 days for medical necessity as of 01/01/2019. Regulatory blocks at every turn!"



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## Elected Officials Misrepresenting LAWS

I was advised it was new state "law" from Governors office that only end of life or cancer patients could receive opioid analgesic pain medications.

