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Please do not throw the baby out with the bathwater. Opioids are necessary and needed for many patients. Making chronic pain, along with acute pain patient populations suffer because of poor management of care is cruel.

Having a 10-day supply for oral surgery to ease suffering is care. Have a 3-day supply for a gynecology procedure is care. Having a daily dose of medication for a chronic pain disorder is care.

Limiting prescriptions because of fear of abuse is at best frustrating and at worst manipulative harm. We live in a time when we have medicine and science at our disposal to make smart choices. Denying opioids as a medication when they can ease suffering is madness. Abuse of any medication should not be tolerated, but denial of medication should not be tolerated as well.

Please use common sense when creating guidelines for prescribing opioids. There are patients who can truly benefit and when they are denied these medicines through their doctor, desperation can ensue which just leads to more problems.