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It's frustrating to me that I cannot get appropriate pain relief for either my chronic pain, or acute pain after surgery. I can't take Nsaids because of an ulcer, and celebrex also caused issues. I'm on the maximum dose of gabapentin and Cymbalta. I still have a lot of nerve pain from radiculopathy and stenosis.

I've had a cervical fusion, a denervation, and am scheduled for a decompression surgery of my lumbar region tomorrow. I need a lumbar fusion but the surgeon doesn't want to do that now because of osteoporosis.

After my surgeries I was only given 12 Oxycodone. That is not enough medication after a fusion or denervation.

I'm 60 years old and have had over 20 surgeries. It used to be that I could get appropriate pain control following surgeries. I didn't become addicted to pain pills after any of those surgeries and I don't think that I would now either.

Legitimate pain relief should not be limited because of "pain patients" who were only going to pain clinics to get oxycontin. There were already drug abusers who found a new source of opiates. They weren't really pain patients looking for relief.