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Doctors are now going overboard in not prescribing adequate pain medication for patients. People's pain (especially after surgery) is not being controlled and many patients are now suffering needlessly. The DEA has made doctors fearful of prescribing opioid medication. Instead, they are using too many off-label drugs for pain, that do not actually relieve pain. In many instances, patients have been forced to seek pain medication off the street. If a patient's pain is not adequately controlled after surgery, they will be less inclined to move around, which can result in blood clots and a host of other complications. I know several people who ended up with severe stomach ulcers from taking too many NSAIDS because their doctors would not prescribe adequate pain relief.