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I went from a Chronic Pain Patient to an Intractable Pain Patient. Pain, for people, isn't all of us fitting into the same box. As diseases vary so does the type and intensity of pain. Also, we metabolize medications differently due to our own bodies. I have absorption issues. Doctors believe I absorb everything 4 times faster which means it all leaves my body faster. This is one reason my pain has been untreated for decades.

Having Mast Cell Activation Syndrome, I am highly allergic to most medications across the board. Due to this, and the CDC guidelines, my pain has been out of control and completely untreated. There is one thing my body accepts. No pain doctor or pain clinic has offered me help in 40 years. My digestive tract must be bypassed. The only medicine for pain my body accepts is morphine via shot or intravenously. My case manager through my medical insurance has recently told me that I will probably never get help with my horrible pain. I was informed morphine is no longer really accepted to use anymore. What am I to do?

Various Palliative care facilities have evaluated me. They all say I am in crucial need of their help. However, they insist on a pain management plan prior to them accepting me as a patient. They claim, in Ohio and now in Texas, they won't administer morphine in the only manner my body will accept. I can't get a pain management plan because no one is willing to help me.

I pray for my death to come. There is no quality to my life. I have had suicidal thoughts. Who wouldn't when they have such immense pain you can barely walk to the restroom 6 feet away. The fight to keep going has been a long one. When you are denied treatment, especially when you are allergic to so much, what is left? The CDC has demolished any hope I was trying to hold onto. They do not know of my numerous diseases. How is it they have the right to deny treatment then?

I have not been able to lay down going on 4 years. This began effective February 1, 2021. Due to rare spinal diseases, that are progressive, I am in my lift chair non-stop. I keep worsening and sitting is becoming more painful as laying down was/is.

Why is a government agency allowed to create guidelines that are inhumane? I have never smoked, never drank alcohol, and never did any illegal substances. I feel Chronic and Intractable pain patients are being used in a fight we have had nothing to do with. The CDC should not have the authority to dictate in the manner they are. They have overstepped their purpose with these guidelines.

Thank you for your time.