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To the Advisors + Consultants Staff,

I have had chronic pain for over 8 yrs, + living in chronic pain in the prime of my life has definitely changed things for me. In 3-01, my Dr put morphine in my pump. I am not pain free but I am independent + my pain level has gone down. Before the morphine my pain kept me awake at Hs, + the level of pain was between an 8-10 every day. Now I. the pain does not keep me awake + my pain level is down. Which for me is an improvement.

On the addiction issue if you are taking opiods for pain you don't become addicted. But if you're taking them to get high you're addicted.

I believe as I am sure many other pain inflicted people do that extending opiate treatment to non malignant patients who if it helps you to live a better quality of life why not give the treatment. Why do you have to have malignant pain before you get humane treatment. It's very sad that chronic pain patients have to actually search for a caring doctor to treat them adequately with opiods if they need it. Pain is pain + is very debilitating. A Doctor can tell who is really in pain + who is an addict. Treatment should be given →

for pain with opiods if needed.
Think about this for a moment please
If you were in my shoes with
chronic pain everyday wouldn't you
want relief, adequate relief & not just
a patch for the pain. Wouldn't the
like to be able to walk thru
the house without screaming out in pain.

Sincerely your
Sharon Nunson