September 5, 2001

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21)
Food and Drug Administration

Att: Kimberly Topper
Re: Opoid Analgesics Regulations Debate

Ms Topper,
As the date for the debate for use of Opoid Analgesics nears, I felt I must submit a non-medical opinion concerning changing the availability of this treatment for patients with acute chronic pain not related to cancer.

As a patient currently using this treatment, it has been the most effective managment therapy for relief of my pain.

I have suffered severe pain for the majority of my life. I am permantly and totally disabled due to numerous unsuccessful back surgeries and treatments that followed.

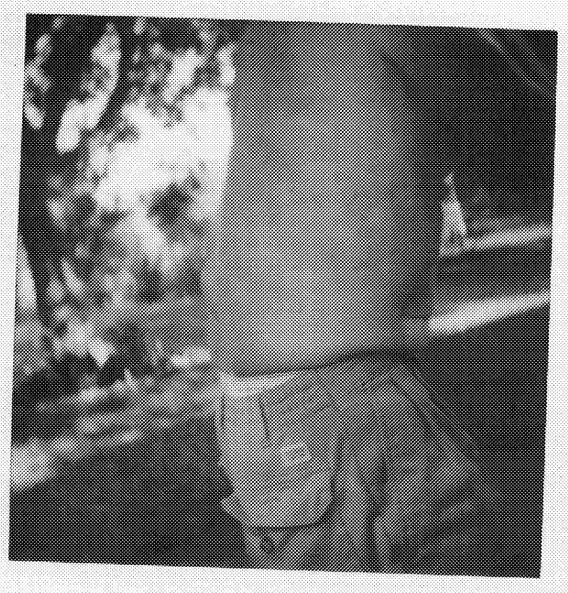
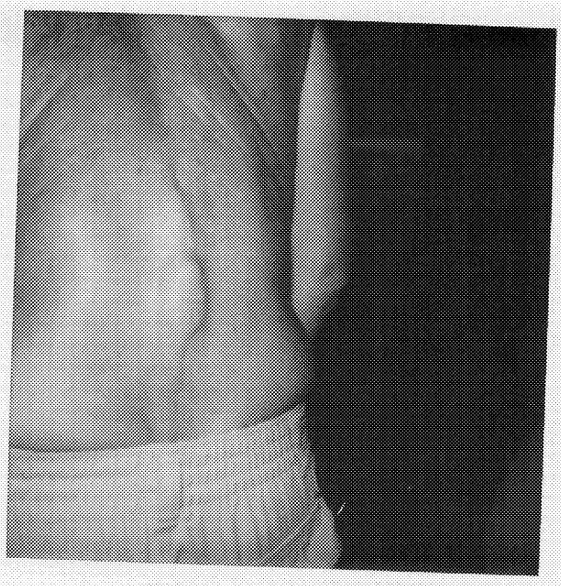
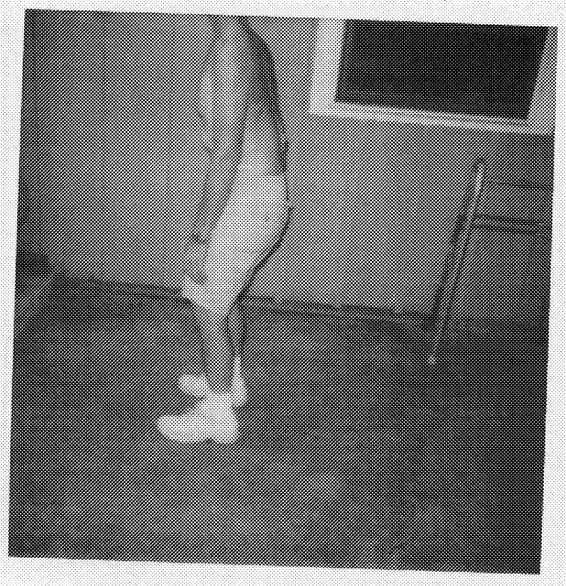
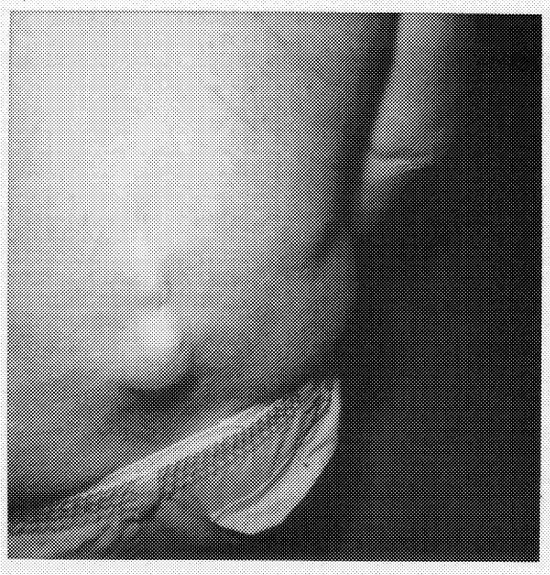
I have enclosed photos to show the position I must walk, stand and sit at all times. I was still in pain with many different medications prescribed for me.

After Opoid Analgesics being prescribed, I now have a new outlook and perspective on my life. My pain is now at a level I can endure.

By regulating this medication to cancer patients only, "It would be an unfortunate decision for patients such as my self and others who will be looking for relief of pain in other medications and products."

Dr Sloan follows guideline in prescribing Opoid Analgesic. He are required to submit urine samples and checked for side effects.

I am asking that this panel <u>vote NOT</u> to deprive patients that have suffered like my self of Opoid Analgesics.

Since my penmanship is not very good, this plea is being written by another party

Sincerely,
Karen Gillespie