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Subj: oxycontin
Date: 1/14/02 7:27:07 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: wayneOut@webtv.net (Wayne Litchkowski)
To: jwbroatch@aol.com

I have been suffering with RSDS since 1994 and I am on oxycontin the media seems to always blow things out of proportion instead of reporting about the scourge of illegal drugs and the abuse of herion and alike they have to find these few and far between people who are not the norm for this needed medication i have tried a host of other drugs to combat the god alful pain of this affliction with out oxycontin my quality of life would end Try and tell my eleven year old son that daddy cant get out of bed to help him with his home work because the government decided to take away his medicine or tell my fifteen year old daughter that her dad cant watch her perform at the school play because his oxycontin has been taken away .I have taken oxycontn for years and it is the only medication that honestly gives me any quality of life as i am totally disabled from RSDS i sincerely hope that my voice is heard so others who are in my situation can at least enjoy their family and not have to worry that their quality of life is threatened thank you Wayne

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Subj: Oxycontin and other opioids
Date: 1/12/02 1:05:03 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: TFW366
To: Jwbroatch

My methadone is one of the only reasons I'm able to make it though the day without passing out from pain. Before I had the benefits of the methadone, I was on so much Neurontin I couldn't even comprehend my surroundings sometimes. I was semi-conscious in a daze all day. The methadone allowed me to lower the other medications enough to get my intelligence back while not giving me any side effects itself except for a reduced appetite (I needed that anyway). Why do people fight this war against us in pain? What do they have to gain from increasing our suffering? I doubt God even knows.

-Ryan Goodman

Subj: Oxycontin/Pain Control
Date: 1/9/02 10:22:27 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: mdolbee@yahoo.com (M. Dolbee)
To: jwbroatch@aol.com

Dear Sir:

I cannot tell you how strongly I feel regarding this issue. Being a chronic pain patient, I find it absurd that we cannot be treated with available drugs that make our lives functional. The stigma connected with chronic pain patients is not only embarrassing, but painful in itself. One is looked upon as a "drug addict" not only by the general public but sadly, by the medical community who took an oath to improve the quality of their patients lives. I have been on Oxycontin and Methadone (Roxynal for breakthrough pain) and am now on Duragesic patches. Without these medications, it would be impossible for me to lead a normal, fulfilling life.

My pain is the result of a severe automobile accident leaving me with chronic head and neck pain. I would appreciate any feedback you may have.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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Date: 1/9/02 10:51:24 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: *fallen_angel334@hotmail.com (angel beaudry)*
To: *jwbroatch@aol.com*

My name is Mary Burns and I acquired RSD on Sept 9 97 after stepping on an uneven, elevated slab of concrete at a mechanic garage, I have been on numerous medication and nothing has relieved my pain like the oxycontin. I also wear the patches and have finally been about a 2 on the pain scale. The thought of having to go back to the extreme suffering I endured before the oxycontin would be more than I could bear. Since there is no cure at least there is a med that make the pain more tolerable. I have not had to go to the Dr's near as often, I can do more of the daily activity that I could no way do before. I was competely bedridden with deep bone pain when my Dr placed me on oxycontin and within a short time and home health therapy coming in I was back on my feet and walking. After all these years that RSD has been known about and there still is no cure don't take away the only relief that many of us has finally gotten that would be inhumane to have something that aleivates the suffering. Where there is no cure at least give us hope.

THANK YOU
SINCERLY,
MARY BURNS

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Thursday, January 10, 2002 America Online: Jwbroatch

Subj: RSD
Date: 1/5/02 1:32:50 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: myokia@bellsouth.net (Myokia)
To: jwbroatch@aol.com

I just wanted to let you know that the drug Oxycontin helps me tremendously. I was injured Oct.97. My left shoulder and arm was caught in a revolving door. I have seen I have had 6 doctors trying to treat me and one of the doctors tried the spinal cord stimulator and it worked very good for 6 mths and then it worked only when it wanted too. Due to the malfunction of the spinal cord stimulator I went under all together 5 different surgies and the last one was to take it out. I didn't get the stimulator until March 15,1999 and by July 17,2000 they were taking it out. I'm taking 40 mg oxyconton 3 times a day with roxycodone 5 mg as my break through pain. Plus I am on 100mg Zoloft,and 75 mg. Of Elavial. If they were to take away oxyconton it is going to be HELL on the people who have to go off this medication with all the withdrawals we will have to go thru. After that the pain we will be in because the other narcotics don't help. I am 48yrs old and lost my life to this RSD pain. I was a very active person and now I sit at home during nothing but fighting to get Long Term Disability thru the insurance company UNUM. I am about to lose everything I own because I can't work and I haven't worked since June 7,2000. We need to have the insurance companies to accept what our doctors send to them and not let their Nurses override what our Pain Management Doctors send to them. My insurance company thinks I can work while on my meds. Thank you for listening... Myokia Davis.. my57heaven@hotmail.com or myokia@bellsouth.net

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Date: 1/3/02 7:35:44 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Mfitz08
To: Jwbroatch

fight for it, i am a physical therapist who is currently working with three patients with rsd that are benefitting from oxycontin. they are, however concerned about addiction, which is also my concern. good luck!

sincerely, michael fitzgerald p.t. mokena, IL

Subj:	pain management
Date:	12/19/01 1:17:33 PM Eastern Standard Time
From:	NikiV
To:	Jwbroatch

My Name is Vickie and I have chronic back pain. But also Ostio and R. Arthritis, along with a long line of other problems, all associated with pain. SEVERE PAIN, if I did not have my oxycontin, I would with out doubt be in bed. Unabe to do anything. Even with the oxycontin I must have help with even the small things like keeping house. When I was given the oxycontin I was so relived to know someone did understand. And I felt like I could live with the pain and face each day without saying ono another day in severe pain, will I get through it.

Without my midication I just don't think I could face each day, knowing that something was out there that could help me but you decided people like us didn't need it. Have you been there? We are there and will be for the rest of our lives. Please think about that before you take something from people like me. Please don't judge us by what the drug addicts do. Don't let those people ruin it for us. We don't abuse we need.

Thank You
Vickie a concerned patient

Subj:	Limiting the availability of Oxycontin for people who suffer with chronic pain
Date:	12/19/01 4:12:11 AM Eastern Standard Time
From:	CLPrinzess
To:	Jwbroatch, JLPski, MesiJesi85, CLPrinzess, TLPrinzess

Hello,

My name is Tricia Prinz, I am a 39 year old mother of two. I am also a wife and an accountant. Actually I cannot currently perform my job functions. I have had 7 surgeries. Four carpal tunnel, two on each hand, two on my right elbow as the first was not necessary, and I developed a problem that had to be corrected. Finally, after all of the cutting, it was determined that I had a neck problem. I was very leery at this point, so I went to Spine Care Medical Group in Daly City, CA. Dr. Reynolds performed by surgery, work-comp had raised a riot and did not pay for the surgery, my private insurance did. Then my company took my insurance away from me, I paid my COBRA coverage, then they restructured with their brothers company, and took my COBRA coverage away. Although my old boss is still at the firm, the firm remains the same, only the name has changed. That and I have been throughly wronged, but what is an injured person to do? See all along I believed that with each successive step that I would be "fixed". I had nothing but a strong belief that I would have this surgery and be back on top in 6 weeks. They tried to get rid of me before my first surgery because I was a liability. This all began in September of 1997, and I am stil not "fixed". I hurt so badly that I can only function with the aid of Oxycontin. I have never been a person to take any medications. I still take as small of an amount that I can, just taking the edge off of the pain. I suppose I am leaving out the latest finding, and that is that I have CRPS or RSD as I am told is an older term for "it." I suppose this explains my extreme pain, even the hair on my arm, fingers, and shoulderblade hurt if you can believe that. Actually it is the place on my body that the hair comes out of. My shoulder blade burns so badly, I really can't imagine having to feel like this for the rest of my life. I also can't imagine any one taking away medication that can help me function to some level. I have tried to not take the medications, many, many times, and I hurt so badly that I can hardly breath. I am not exzagerating.

I hope you take this letter to heart, and consider me as a person when it comes time to make a decision about taking medication that just makes life just bareable. I realize that there are people who abuse the medications, but look how many people abuse alcohol every day, and that is legal? Look at how many people die because of that. I cannot think of one good thing that, that drug does.

Please do not punish those of us who do not abuse the medication, just merely survive because of having this small miracle in our hurting lives. Punish the abusers, not the needy.

You may feel free to contact me any time Tricia L. Prinz (530) 347-0563
P.O. Box 5245
Cottonwood, CA 96022

Sincerely, Tricia Prinz TLPrinzess@aol.com

Subj: **Oxycontin/RSD**
Date: 12/17/01 12:19:15 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: rushlou66
To: Jwbroatch

Dear Mr. Broatch, First of all, I see that your from Milford CT. I live in Milford too. I live off New Haven Avenue. I was diagnosed with RSD when I was 26 yrs old. I am now 31 yrs old and I thought as time went by, I would get better but instead, my symptoms spread to the entire right side of my body. I have tried several pain medications with no relief. My Doctor prescribed Oxycontin for me and Ive had good results as far as pain relief is concerned. It dosent take the pain away totally but any kind of relief is better than no relief at all. I have been watching the news lately and I am sickened to hear that people are abusing the drug and dying due to the abuse. What scares me even more is that Oxycontin will not be prescribed anymore because of people abusing the drug. I have talked to my Doctor regarding this issue and he seems to think that wont happen but I cant help but worry. Taking Oxycontin has helped me physically as well as emotionally. Im wondering if I should start looking into another form of pain relief. Why is it that taking any kind of pain medication is looked at in a bad way by society? Its hard enough to have to deal with the pain from RSD, never mind the criticism from the medication (Oxycontin) I am on. Ive run into quite a few ignorant people who believe that herbal treatments is the way to go for pain. If that were the case, I would be first in line. I hate the fact I have to take pain medication. I have gotten to the point where if I happen to run into people and they ask where I work ect, I will lie and say I am working and that theres nothing wrong with me so I dont have to explain what RSD is. Alot of people never heard of it. I must say that when I was diagnosed with RSD, I had no Idea what it was. I had to do alot of research. I am so lucky that I am blessed with a family that knows me and tries to understand what I have been dealing with. Its so important to have people who are concerned about you and love you. I always check RSDS web site to see if theres anything new going on. I am so grateful for the web site. RSD needs to be recognized at a local level as well as a national level. Thank you for listening. Sincerely, Diana.

Subj: **oxycontin**
Date: 12/17/01 9:51:28 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: *serene22@pipeline.com (neil m cohen)*
To: *jwbroatch@aol.com*

hello.my name is mindy,i am a 25 year old female who sufferes from RSD. i have been taking oxycontin for almost two years now. I take oxycontin along with oxycodone. if it was not for the oxycontin I would be suffering now worse than I already am.
infortunately,people abuse this medicine but it should not be prohibited from the people who need it,like me. If you are going to respond please do so at poofy143@mailcity.com. (this is my dads' e-mail) thank you.

sincerely,mindy

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Subj: RE: oxycontin relief Date: 1/2/02 6:32:14 PM Eastern Standard Time From: fchaugh@SNET.NET (fch) Reply-to: fchaugh@SNET.NET To: jwbroatch@aol.com

Dear Sir:

I was injured at work (in Middletown, CT) on the 17th of April, 1989. My "pain" issues supplemental to the obvious injuries sustained in that single fraction of a second were not addressed and even were ignored for more than 30 months! When I managed to finally raise enough hell, I found myself @ the Center for Pain Management @ Yale. Over the course of the next few years, I had countless injections, blocks, therapies, and tests, few of which proved anything except that I continued to complain about the pain, even to the point of begging that my nerves be cut.

The head of the department at that time went on Good Morning America, and told about pain and the suffering back pain causes. In response to a question about the ability of doctors to ferret-out fakers from pain-suffers, he responded by saying that he was currently working with someone who just "might" be a milingerer.

My wife saw the interview. Two weeks later, I was having another CAT-Scan looking for a problem with the lower back, and when I asked if he were referring to me on GMA, he stuttered..

It was that CAT-Scan that located the blown L5-S1 disc. That began a very prolonged address of that one issue involved with the suffering from the injuries sustained at work years before.

I was @ Gaylord Hospital (out patient) 4 times a week for several months.

Not one doctor in the first five years of facing this disorder would directly address the pain issues involved with this nightmare.

After battle after battle with workers' compensation (I acted *pro se* for 30 months until ordered by a workers' compensation commissioner to hire an attorney or else my claim would no longer be addressed) I finally managed to get to the New Haven Ortho Group, and had an L5-S1 fusion. However, my face, hands, wrists, forearms, head and the insides of my legs from knees to crotch continued this relentless "burning", "tingling", "freezing", "ultra-sensitivity", and pain on an order deliberate torture couldn't come close to equalling!

I couldn't go in the Sun. Sunlight cause unbearable pain. Like cigarettes being plunged into the arms and face and ANY exposed skin. Full gale-force winds were tolerable, but a whisper on the exposed skin could (and often did) bring pain!

Over the years, I've had countless prescriptions and various combinations of drugs, as well as stabs at self-medication using just about anything known to mankind. If any would work, their duration was often short lived. A couple, however, did offer help (relief of sorts, because the pain never goes away, completely, regardless of the drug).

Vicadin (please excuse my spelling) helped. But it lacked the solid punch needed to slap the pain in the face.

Duragesic patches worked fairly well, however their cost became over-whelming and the patch adhesive caused a great deal of skin pain and problems. That had to be curtailed when I ran out of viable exposed skin that wasn't being torn to hell by the patches.

Morphine works. Not well, but it does take the edge off.

Percoset, percodine works for a while then becomes ineffective.

Codiene, for me personally, used to work every time, but it lost its punch.

Oxycontin finally came along and it's allowed me to function while some sense of dignity. Of all of the medication(s) I've tried over the years, only Duragesic and Oxycontin have offered reasonable help with this nightmare.

I am at the point, however, where I can't afford either, and if it comes to facing life without these helpers, I simply won't hang around. I've had it with all of this crap.

Between oxycontin and Duragesic, I attempted to return to work in 1999. Three attempts later, Social Security all screwed up because I have to work to survive, and by working SS gets a bug up their rears, and that's another story.

If Oxycontin and these other supposed pain killers are restricted to those of us whose very lives depend on them, then I suspect the majority of people will simply go under-ground and do whatever it takes to get help with their pain.

I was 43 when I got injured at work. I am 56 now, and have lived with this nightmare for 13 years plus. My

son was 12 when I got injured and my daughter was 10. They grew-up with a father unable to take part in any of thier physical activities and that is something money or time or all of the understanding in the world can never replace or find compensation for.

The battle with workers' compensation recognized I had injuries to my back and neck. They would not recognize the pain and suffering and certainly refused to allow an RSD claim. My contention was (and still is) the skin is the largest organ of the body and I have nearly all of it now grossly involved with this hellish thing called RSD.

Take away or restrict access to Oxycontin and thier goes what portion of existence I have, and I simple can't fight the fight any more. They exhausted me this last time around.

Please do whatever you can to keep this drug available for pain sufferers.

And if anyone needs a physical example of what it is like to live with this crap, send them to me. I used a TENS unit for several years, and it always stayed set at level 10.. the highest possible setting. When showing others, I would place the electrode patches on the skin, hand them the TENS unit, tell them which way was up, which was down, and let them go for it! Rarely would anyone get to 4. Rarely!

I would put on the electrode patches and let them crank it up. 10. Period. And even then, it only offered some relief. Shut it off, and got was the relief.

I'd forgotten about signing up with an Aussy RSD site, and in today's mail, I found their new site. That eventually lead me to you. Didn't read very much of your site or even what your name is. Sorry. But just finding people trying to address this crap is some kind of "hope."

Sorry about the spelling and the out-of-order lettering, but the injuries suffered back in'89 took it's toll. I was right handed and the injuries made my right hand equal to 80% of my left hand's abilities, which were also reduced because of the injuries. So while typing, my left hand is slower than my right, and thus the letters get screwed-up.

And I don't like using spell checker for spontanious writing. I lose something it that crutch.

Thank you for battling the good fight. Keep it up.

Sincerely

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God Bless America & all who believe in her!

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Anesthetic & Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee of the Federal Drug Administration (FDA),

Today I'm in pain. Yesterday I was in pain. And the day before that. And the day before that. And the day before that. . . . And so on. For the last 12 years I've tried and tried to find a doctor and a medicine or treatment that would get rid of or even lessen my pain. I no longer can work because of my pain.

If your interested in knowing what my pain is like, take about a dozen ice picks. Heat their tips up in a fire until their just red hot but white hot. Then jab them into your right wrist. Remove the ice picks and repeat several times a minute. Also repeat the same process on your left wrist. That is what my pain is like every day, all day and all night. And over time more and more ice picks are added to each wrist.

Generally my pain medicine is oxycodone. But because of the media "hype" going on about oxycontin my doctor has become scared of the DEA. If he's patients are not cancer patients then they must have broken bones to receive pain medicine, or they have to be suicidal before he can provide them with prescriptions for pain medicine. Otherwise he has to show the DEA he's lowering the amount of medicine they are on, irregardless of the amount of pain they are in! That's not a medical treatment!

I also have to have a hefty amount of prescription sleeping pills, so I can sleep at night even with my current level of pain medicine.

So I have come to the conclusion that maybe I must commit suicide to get the medicine I need for pain. That is not an alternative. I can not do that to my God and my family. So my family and I suffer. Because of fear. Not because of a lack of available medicine to treat my pain. It's bad enough doctors are afraid to treat pain properly, but to have the possibility that there will be no medicine available because of politics?

May you never have to suffer such chronic pain as I and many many others have to.

Sincerely,

Lawrence E. Couey
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Monday, December 17, 2001 America Online: Jwbroatch

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Subj: Re: Oxycontin
Date: 12/15/01 7:10:21 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: wolf@ttlc.net (Don)
To: jwbroatch@aol.com

Dear Sir.

My name is Don Bergman and I have been living with chronic pain for the past 18 years. Just to name a few I have RSD, Fail back

syndrome, Non-Union fusion X 3 and a number of other back related problems.

I Whole Heartedly disagree with what the government, the social public, and a very large number of the medical community are

doing to people with chronic pain. If a person has a better quality of live using oxycontin they WHY should they not be given the

right to live in less pain. As long as the doctor has explained the side effects right down to the nitty gritty. I would and have agreed

to possible shortening my life taken a drug that would give me back some kind of quality in my life once again, that was taken

away for reasons beyond my control. The last thing I/We need is someone else taken away our right to live with less pain.

I have been living on oxycontin 40mg 4 times aday along with other meds for almost 2 years now. I would love to say its a cure all

for me. However it really does not work for me. My doctor is still trying different meds to help lessen my pain. On the scale of 1 to

10 my pain has never been below a 9 in years. However it goes over the 10 far to often. So I'm one of the people asking for new

drugs to be made stronger that will work on me. So please do not take someone's chance to be with less pain so that just maybe

they will be able to spend quality time with there kids, doing the kinds of things most people never even think about because they

don't live in pain. But they are ruling our lives saying oxycontin should not be made or given out like they are. We are Human,

People would not let there dog or cat live in the pain I do each and every day of my life. We should have the same rights.

So please continue allowing doctors to use oxycontin to help people that don't have anyother choice.

Regards

Don Bergman
Po box 43
Chester NH

Monday, December 17, 2001 America Online: Jwbroatch

Subj: **i have RSD...**
Date: 12/17/01 12:23:26 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Amok2067
To: Jwbroatch

I'm a 20yr old female with RSD and blood clots in my left leg. i was given oxycontin 40mg for the pain after trying weaker narcotics. They didn't get rid of the pain, but they helped me get to the point where I could get out of the bed without crying. Without them, I don't know what condition I would be in right now. My story is a lot more complicated than this and I haven't had any oxycontin in two months, but there has still been many nights where I needed to have something for my pain. There are just too many people out there who seriously need this drug. Anything can be adictive, it just needs to be used in the correct, theraputic way.

Subj: **OXYCONTIN CONTROVERSY**
Date: 12/17/01 12:42:34 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Angelshelp1
To: Jwbroatch

I WAS DIGANOSED WITH RSD THREE YEARS AGO. I FELL ONTO MY LEFT HAND. IT BECAME SWOLLEN ALMOST FOUR TIMES IT'S NORMAL SIZE, TURNING BLUISH BLACK. THE DOCTOR TREATING ME AT THE TIME, DID NOTHING MORE THAN GIVE ME ASPIRINS AND PUT MY WHOLE ARM INTO A PLASTIC MOLDED BRACE. AROUND THIS HE WRAPPED AN ACE BANDAGE SO TIGHT THAT ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS CUT IT OFF AND THROW IT AWAY, FAR AWAY FROM ME.

HE PRESCRIBED ICE PACKS ALTHOUGH I TOLD HIM THAT MY HAND WAS CONTANTLY COLD AS IT WAS. HE DID NOT LISTEN.

FOR OVER TWO YEARS I WENT FROM DOCTOR TO DOCTOR AND FINALLY FOUND A NURSE PRACTIONER (GOD BLESS HER SOUL - MARGARET EASLEY -FORMERLY OF PUEBLO, CO - NOW SOMEWHERE IN CALIFORNIA) WHO TOOK ONE LOOK AT MY ARM AND PRESCRIBED OXYCONTIN FOR THE PAIN.

SHE DID ALL THE TESTS ON ME FOR RSD - BONE SCAN AND NUMEROUS BLOOD AND PHYSICAL THERAPY CONSULTS. THE RESULTS WERE AS SHE SUSPECTED, I HAD RSD.

BY THIS TIME THE SYMPTOMS HAD TRAVELED TO MY ENTIRE LEFT SIDE. MAKING WALKING AND OTHER NORMAL ACTIVITIES VERY DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, AS YOU KNOW, THE PAIN NEVER EVER GOES COMPLETELY AWAY. MEDICATIONS WILL DULL IT TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL ONLY. THE MOST EFFECTIVE OF THE CURRENT DRUGS ON THE MARKET (I HAVE TRIED MOST OF THEM) IS OXYCONTIN.

I WAS TAKING IT EVERY 12 HOURS. SOMETIMES IT WOULD ONLY LAST FOR 9 OR 10 HOURS. MARGARET PRESCRIBED VICADIN ES FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT, WHEN I COULD NOT LAST TIL THE NEXT OXYCONTIN. YET, ALL IN ALL OXYCONTIN IS THE ONLY MEDICATION THAT LASTED LONGER THAN THREE OR FOUR HOURS AT ANY TIME.

AM SENDING SECOND EMAIL TO COMPLETE MY TESTAMONY

Subj: **oxycontin-chronic pain want to help keep it on market**
Date: 12/13/01 4:47:40 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: lisacurt1@hotmail.com (Lisa Mclendon)
To: jwbroatch@aol.com

Hi my name is Lisa Mclendon. I do not have RSD but I am a chronic pain patient. I dont even take oxycontin. But I do take another long acting opiod, the Duragesic/Fentanyl patch.(Not sure, but I half suspect that the reason that this was the first long acting opiod tried is because it doesnt currently have the media coverage) I dont know if this is the correct place to write, but someone on a chronic pain board i visit suggested that you do a lot of advocacy work... Is there anyway I can help such as letter etc. (Sorry but I have no money, i am supporting a disabled hubby and just got laid off:) I heard about a recent 48 hr show re: Oxycontin and it just makes me fighting mad. Maybe Im wrong but it is ridiculous that because oxy is such in the media that a very useful and safe (when taken appropriately by people in pain) is threatened by a relative few who abuse and use,ie crush. While I do feel sorry for anyone who is an addict, i realize it is ALSO a disease, myself or others should not have medical choice taken away. Even though I do not take the drug oxycontin,to me all this one sided media coverage threatens the one medication that offers me some pain relief. Sorry, of course you already know this. Any suggestions on where to write etc... i sure would like to see a show on how opiods have given some people there life back...
thank you

Lisa mclendon

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Date: 12/26/01 1:24:06 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: asherk@bezeqint.net (yael)
To: jwbroatch@aol.com

dear sir - i have been suffering tremendous pain and have been diagnosed with CRPS. lately I got oxycycontin and it is the ONLY drug that has helped me thru the day!!!!

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Subj:	from an rsd patient
Date:	12/22/01 6:37:30 PM Eastern Standard Time
From:	MBertr1071
To:	Jwbroatch

To Whom it Concerns

Please remember all those who DO NOT abuse their medications and truly appreciate the quality of life they may have because of the benefits of drugs like oxycotin. RSd is an extremely sensitive drug to treat, and many patients like myself dont tolerate other opiate narcotics, other than the oxycotin. I would have no quality of life if it werent for the benefits of this wonder drug I urge you as humanitarians, to realize there are many like myself, who can only tolerate the oxycotin. You take that from us, and you may as well issue a death sentence to us. My system has many problems with medications, and I'm deathly allergic to many of the anti-neuro drugs...the oxycotin offers me the least amount of sickness with the greatest pain relief benefits. I'm on a moderate dosage 20 mgs' twice daily.....I have leveled off at that without an increase unless I'm overly flared....Again, I urge you to remember those of us who respect the medications...not abuse them.....

sincerely, mimi bertrand

Subj: opiate pain medications
Date: 12/12/01 1:45:52 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: boelkins@1scom.net (Loretta Boelkins)
To: jwbroatch@aol.com

I have suffered chronic level 7 & 8 pain fro the past 2 years. I was only finally diagnosed with Celiac's disease a short time ago, but have actually been misdiagnosed for the past 8 years. I had some trouble continuing to get Vicodin although my pain continued. Just because they didn't know what was wrong with me they tried to discount my pain and acted like I was just a drug addict or something. That made me really mad. I don't care if I do get "addicted" to the drugs. My quality of life without them is nothing. I can't function normally with my pain, and the Vicodin is the only thing that relieves it, so why should anyone else get to make the decision for me how I get to live out the rest of my existance. I choose to live it blissfully without pain. I am 41 years old, and can't imagine having to spend the rest of my life bedridden because of my pain. I think if people are being monitored every several months about the quality of their life and level of pain, they should be able to get medications forever, if that's what it takes for them to have quality of life. My husband has RSDS, and runs into the same roadblocks continuing to get pain meds. What crap!

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Subj: RELIEF! Date: 12/10/01 8:09:04 PM Eastern Standard Time From: angie11294@atmc.net (angie robinson) To: jwbroatch@aol.com

Hi, my name is Angie Robinson. I am a 43 year old female, dianosed with several problems that cause great pain to me on a daily basis. I have recently been taking 20mg oxycontin, twice daily. I also have been prescribed hydrocodone 10 mg, for breakthrough pain, if needed. I also have to take botox injections in my neck every three months. I have finally gotten my pain under control. I am finally able to do things with my 7 year old daughter that I have never been able to participate in such as taking walks any distance, throwing a ball or even bike riding. I was diagnosed with degenerative disc disease in 92. I was also in a car accident in 95. I have had back surgery and neck surgery twice. I also have fibromyalgia. I have had kidney cancer and am left with one kidney. Before my doctor started me on this treatment, I was ready to give up. I was faced with surgery again to relieve some of the pain. I may in time have to face it again, but for now I am really doing alot better and enjoying life again. It is a shame that some people will take medicine and abuse it to keep others like myself from benefiting from it's good use. Please, if it is of any help at all, please add my name to anything to help keep this and other medications available to those who need it. Thank you, sincerely....Angie Robinson

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NOVEMBER 20, 2001

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BAYTOWN, TEXAS 77521

RSDSA
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Milford, Connecticut 06460

Dear RSDSA,

OXYCONTIN CONTROVERSY - MY SIDE OF THE FENCE

I don't where to begin except to say that Oxycontin has been a prevelent part of being able to live a more bearable life of pain. I've had a total of no less than 9 surgeries on my neck and back from a series of car accidents. I have tried to live through excruciating pain and agony for most of 12 years now. Many times my preference was to live in the solitude of large dosages of painkillers such as Lortab, Hydrocodone, Vicodin, and other such Codeine based medications. I became so addicted to these medications that eventually my body rejected them and turned them toxic against me. It was a living hell for not only me, but my family. Several times I nearly lost both my life as well as my family. I have been through various other treatments, physical therapy, spinal cord stimulator implant. It was extremely frustrating to not have some kind of relief. It's very fortunate that the turn of events came with the guidance of my family, a good counselor, and an extremely optimistic Pain Management Specialist. The Pain Management Specialist began a firm regimen of Oxycontin & Oxy IR for pain management, he put me on DM 30 (its a compound of Dexamethoraphan and some other ingredients) which helps me to fight off addiction, and Remeron for depression. True there are several medications at work here, but I believe that the Oxycontin is the very essence of the degree of relief that I have been able to ascertain. I have been on this regimen for approximately 1 year with very little deviation from the original dosages that were given me. They have worked well for me.

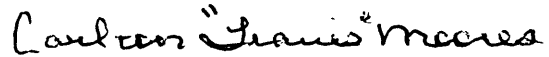
Unfortunately, I have recently been diagnosed with RSDS in my right leg. We had hoped that the current medication regimen would possibly help with the pain associated with the RSDS, but it hasn't been able to resolve the pain in my leg. However, I wanted to say with the utmost urgency that Oxycontin has given me a great deal of relief for my neck and back pains, and continues to do so. Had it not been available at the time, and if it becomes unavailable through the FDA restricting it's availability, I just don't know where I'll turn to get the same relief. I have been benefitting from Oxycontin. It took me almost the total length of 12 years to finally find something that works and now there is a risk it may be severely restricted, even possibly removed. Oxycontin has been the "miracle" medication for me, and I am sure for thousands of others. It's just so very unfortunate that there is even to be discussions that it be restricted. I firmly believe that the Oxycontin is a key element that has helped me through the pain and prevented me from falling into an addictive state again.

Obversely, I challenge that alcohol for consumption has been proven to be a highly addictive substance for many years. People have died from their addictions to alcohol, and although teens are underage and who aren't legally able to purchase it, are still able to find the means to compromise the system so they can still get it. Still, the FDA hasn't made any progression towards restricting it any further. In our society and time it has been readily accepted that alcohol consumption by teens is a problem, and all the measures that have been put into place to prevent such haven't stopped it. Alcohol consumption in my very honest opinion isn't even medicinal. There are those that would argue otherwise, but it hasn't been proven to me. So why would the FDA take measures at restricting something that is so helpful for so many when it can't even enforce measures to restrict something that is so harmful. If the FDA doesn't have control over alcohol and it's consumption, then substitute cocaine, or heroin, or LSD in all the places I have mentioned alcohol consumption.

November 20, 2001

My point is, if Oxycontin is restricted (even banned), history predicts that people would still be able to obtain it, and even if they couldn't obtain manufactured Oxycontin, people would either turn back to real heroin creating a new epidemic of proportions unknown or isn't it possible that they would try to manufacture it themselves. Drug dealers would continue to become wealthy for their newfound demand, people would still be addicted, much worse be dying not knowing the complexities of purity versus non-purity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carlton 'Travis' Moores".

Carlton "Travis" Moores

Subj: **oxycontin**
Date: 12/1/01 2:26:38 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: 4-unity@msn.com (STEPHANIE NELSON)
To: jwbroatch@aol.com

My name is Stephanie. I have lived with RSD or CRPS for over 11 years. Nothing takes away the pain except lots of alcohol or a numbing block, neither of which are viable long term. I have been taking oxycontin on & off for several years. It doesn't stop the pain, but it takes the edge off. I don't have addiction problems; oxycontin doesn't give me a high, it just makes my pain bearable. The only problem I have with oxcontin is severe itching approximately 3-5 hours after taking it. My doctor (who is absolutely wonderful) prescribed an antihistamine and that seems to help.

If you have any other questions, you my contact me at 4-unity@msn.com.

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To: jwbroatch@aol.com
 From: Sheila C. Merriman at: sckmerriman@msn.com
 RE: OXYCONTIN
 Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Dear Mr. Broatch,

I was so delighted when I accessed the RSDS site and found your address to send in comments about what I will call, the "Oxycontin Community Outrage." After years of increasingly intense pain and additional problems -including pain traveling to other parts of my body, I was finally diagnosed with RSD. I had originally been diagnosed with Thoracic Outlet Syndrome. The problems started within 2 weeks after I had a large fibroid tumor removed from my left breast. That was in 1993. So here it is years later, I don't have TOS, but RSD. Over time I have been on multiple medications for pain. Soooo many. Most taken every 3-4 hours around the clock. I was very unsure about the Oxycontin, and it's powerful strength, but OYXCONTIN HAS BEEN A GODSEND!!!! It has helped control my pain for much of the time. I take my doses every 12 hours. Usually within 7-8 hours after my dose I start having breakthrough pain. So for a couple of hours at times, I may be "out of commission." For me, finding a medication that I wasn't having to take every 3-4 hours and being able to function without feeling doped up has been great! But, I must say that when I have 2 or 3 good days with little pain I hesitate to take my medication. I wonder what I would feel like without it. In April, I had to go into the hospital for tests. Unfortunately I was npo and my medications went right through me whole. I went into severe withdrawal. It was the most horrible thing to go through. When the tests were done, I got my Oxycontin. and within an hour I was already feeling better. My family say that I am "very cheery" when my Oxycontin is "doing its thing." I have heard and read so much about the Oxycontin controversy (who hasn't?). I just want to tell you that for someone who has RSD and has been on many other pain-control medications, Oxycontin has helped and has made my life bearable....FINALLY! I know that my body depends and relies on Oxycontin, and if I don't take it, I can run into trouble, but I have learned not to take chances with my health. I would much rather have that Oxycontin in my system at a fairly stable level then risk having the excruciating pain I have with RSD. Maybe someday there will be an even better medication (I prefer NOT to call it a drug)that is not a narcotic, and works wonderful for people with RSD. For now, this is my choice and it will stay that way. One of the most important things that any patient on any kind of medication regimen can do is to pay careful attention to what your body is telling you. Pay attention! Keep track of all medications, past and present. I keep a notebook that is updated every time there is a medication change. I also take notes at to what or how a medication is working for me. Patients are their best advocates! Doctors don't always know what is best. On that note....find a doctor who will take the time to really listen to what is going on with you and your body. RSD is complicated enough without having to add the stress of a doctor who isn't tuned in. Oxycontin does have it's drawbacks, and there are people who do abuse it (as well as many other medications, and like those who abuse illegal drugs), BUT (!!!!)for those of us who have RSD and have had to suffer, Oxycontin can be the right medication. If you have any questions for me, or would like any additional information I would be glad to correspond with you. Anything !

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can do to help stop this Anti-Oxycontin Madness I would be more than glad to help. Just let me know. My personal e-mail address is:

sckmerriman@msn.com

If you wish to contact me by mail/phone:

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Thank You for taking the time to read my comment.

Sincerely yours,

Sheila C. Merriman

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Subj: Opioids & Chronic Pain
Date: 6/19/01 2:52:17 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: judy@cyberz.net (Judy Hall)
To: jwbroatch@aol.com

To Whom It May Concern: My name is Judy Hall and I have been a chronic pain patient for the past 10 years. I was able to control my pain with bio-feedback, stretching exercises with muscle relaxants and only minor usage of opioids during flare-ups. I have fibromyalgia with myofascial syndrome complicated by hepatitis C. In November of 1999 my hip became affected. I sought treatment from another pain management group who on 8/14/00 after failed physical therapy, injected a powerful steroid into my sacroiliac joint. It not only didn't stop my pain, but spread it across my lower back to my left hip and down the backs of both of my legs to my feet. I had a very good job making \$60,000 a year prior to that time. I was put on sick leave 9/14/00 and have been unable to work since that time. I completed a 4 week intensive pain management program without successfully relieving my pain. I was referred to another pain management doctor to be evaluated for a morphine pump. I am now receiving treatment with opioids that has given me back some semblance of a quality of life.

I take Kadian 100mgs at 2 per day, Baclofen 10mgs at 2 3xs a day, Klonopin 1mg at 1 or 2 at night and oxyIR for break through pain at 20mgs 2xs a day. This does not fully take my pain away, but lowers it to a level that I can tolerate. I hope to be able to find employment that will allow me to work from my home.

My doctor is a pain management specialist and I'm fortunate that I still have good insurance to be able to afford it, but that will only last for the next 15 months. Most chronic pain patients lose everything due to the high medical costs incurred from our illness. It doesn't matter what our diagnoses are at this level as chronic intractable pain is now our illness. Some of us can't live with it and chose to leave this existence as we believe that there is no other way to relieve our pain.

There are excellent pain control medications on the market, but finding a doctor who will prescribe them has always been a problem. Their fear of prosecution and the unproven "addiction" factor for true chronic pain patients, not addicts, prevents doctors from treating us and often pharmacies from filling the prescriptions written for us.

I recently had this problem when I was first prescribed the Kadian. I couldn't find a pharmacy in my area that stocked it. My doctor had to call the drug representative who called me to find out where I live, then called me back to tell me where I could fill the prescription. The following month was worse and the drug representative had to pick up my prescription, take it to the pharmacy with my insurance information and ID then brought it back to my house.

I am now building a tolerance to the Kadian and will soon have to have it increased, per my doctor. This is typical of any chronic pain patient and doesn't cause us to become addicts. I am not "high" nor "euphoric" nor are my eyes glazed over. I look like any other ordinary person and nobody would know I am taking the high amounts of opioids that I am.

I belong to an online chronic pain support group and we have decided not to sit back and let someone else control our lives anymore. We are in the process of forming a foundation to educate the American people that you can take high levels of opioids and not live the lifestyle of an addict. The DEA's recent action or should I say over reaction to a few people overdosing on Oxycotin is just way over the line. If we are going to be limited to only physicians whose specialties are in pain management, what are people to do who don't have the money or resources to see those physicians? Who treats the poor chronic pain patient? There are only 4,000 pain specialists in the country. Can they take care of the 30 - 40 million chronic pain patients in this country? I would speculate that they could not. What are those chronic pain patients to do? This has to end, this failed effort to control a few addicts is leaving chronic pain patients twisting in the wind.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.
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Subj: Date: 6/19/01 4:39:54 PM Pacific Daylight Time From: sionell@home.com (sionell) To: jwbroatch@aol.com
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Lee county is next door to my home county in SW VA. Excellent research Erin. The irony here is that I never knew the problem existed until I was told there was a problem! I never knew it was being used on the street or in the fashion of street drugs until the front page was in my face and I was treated like an addict. These doctors (ratio of 1:4000) if you have noticed are turning TRUE pain patients away and treating their pets better. If people knew the stigma here...dear God! Someone needs to start collecting stats on those of us dying in pain as well as those who are living with addiction! Truly, most who live here work like animals..then when Pittston Coal is finished with us we are left to suffer and die. I found your research illumination, validating and the irony is just uncanny. You know what I'm up against. You know why I suffer: the savage beasts around here who call themselves doctors that don't know the difference between sufferers and drug seekers. I didn't even know what oxycontin was until I saw Doc... All I knew is that it helped so much with the physical misery I was experiencing. God bless you as you continue to bring the truth to the masses.

Elizabeth O'Quinn

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 To: jwbroatch@aol.com

My name is Judy Nalley and i have just recently been dignosied with RSDS and have tried many medications that have gave me no relief from the pain that I have. My problem has been with me for years with no clear diganosis until I went to DR. Schwartz in Greenville, S.C. at the Piedmont Physcial & Rehabilitation Office. I was always made to feel lile I was just trying to get pain meds for no reason by other doctors. I've had many different doctors tell me they could not find anything wrong or when they did find that I also have perpherial neuropathy, they still did not believe me about the pain I was in. They never could even find out the cause of my perpherial neuropathy. I have been on Vioxx, Neurontin, Ultram, Mirapex, Zanaflex, Bellamine-S, and Valium, with no relief at all. The valium is really more for my nerves since I have Been thrw so much since Feb. of 2000. I've had a heart attack, lost a daugfter to cancer, had a lung biopsy which went haywire. I was in the hospital from Nov. 13 to Dec. 1 with that. Plus I had parathyroid surgery on the same day as the lung biopsy. It was All suppose to be a simple proceedure but I almost died three times from the lung biopsy. I really don't know what started my RSDS, but i was having restless leg syndrome since my early 20's. I am now 53 years old. If this oxycontin can help my pain then I vote for it. I was an active person all my life and worked. Now I'm on total disability and this pain is no way to have to live out the rest of my life.If I can't have some relief then what's the use of living. Life is no longer enjoyable, the simplest things have become so unbearable to do. If this drug can give me my my life without pain then I see no reason it should be kept from me. If it's addictive, so what, I'm certantly to old for that to be a problem. At least the rest of my life would be without pain and maybe I could enjoy what life I have left. My heart attack took 60% of my heart any way so let me live the of what i have pain free.

Thank you,
 Judy Nalley

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Subj: **opioids**
Date: 6/19/01 10:01:25 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From: tomshell@pacbell.net (tcopeland)
Reply-to: tomshell@pacbell.net (tcopeland)
To: jwbroatch@aol.com

I understand there will be a group from the FDA considering the use of opioids for chronic pain. I am 70 years old and have had fibromyalgia since about 1978 that I know of. I was first diagnosed in 1986 by a young internist who had recently attended seminars about fms. I was diagnosed again in 1994 by a well respected rheumatologist. In about 1997 my pain increased radically and now it is wrecking what would otherwise be a beautiful life. In my case it is especially heartbreaking because until about 1993 I had experienced the rockiest of lives.

This is my experience with opioids, and in a nutshell it can be said that currently without opioids I would be in a hospital or worse. I do not want to take them, I do not like to take them and I am aware of the problem of tolerance buildup.

There is nothing else I have tried or used which works for the past three years and believe me I have tried many, many things, acupuncture, meditation, biofeedback, exercise, water therapy, hot baths, cold and hot packs, changes in diet and I continue to practice some of the above and still look for other alternatives. I have also tried and am currently trying muscle therapy, a form of massage.

I sincerely think I would go mad with pain if I could not have the advantage of opioids. Everyday I dream of a better pain reliever but it has not come yet. If I could not get relief with opioids then I would be very careful to stay out of a hospital or any authority while went to a state where I could legally commit assisted suicide. This from a person who has everything to live for and would like to live my remaining 20 or so years with pain in check.

The opioids affect me this way. Not at all, with the exception of constipation, in terms of side effects.

I have recently been tested through a pain relief program at Cedars Sinai as to my mental faculties, and they are sharp and my cognitive function is high. I get no euphoria, sluggishness or other side effects that I am aware of. I prefer to take the pure opioids because they do less damage to my stomach than other analgesic pain relievers. My study indicates they are also less damaging to other organs.

If you decide to withhold opioids for chronic pain then you will have done the cruelest thing possible to countless persons. I am trying hard to find ways to withdraw slowly from opioids myself on my timetable without much success so far but I am always trying. I can not even imagine that rational beings would choose to ban the use of opioids for non cancer pain but I felt it important to let you know about my case.

My hope is that this letter will not have the FBI or some other agency breathing down my neck. Could some one please answer me and keep me posted and also reassure me that it was safe to be so straightforward with you. Sincerely, Shelley Copeland

Subj: FMS
Date: 6/19/01 9:46:05 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From: mervie2@hotmail.com (Marilyn Brown)
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I would just say this about oxycotin. With out it my life is so painful I don't even want to go on. So I hope there will be "NO" ban on the use of this drug.

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Subj: Chronic Pain Date: 6/19/01 8:59:11 AM Pacific Daylight Time From: dyane3@yahoo.com (Diane Hatfield) To: jwbroatch@aol.com
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I live with chronic pain every day of my life. I have Osterarthritis, Degenerative Disc Disease, and Fibromyalgia. I have finally found a doctor that gives me the medication to get me through each month. Everyone around here is so afraid that they are going to lose their lisenca to practice. We need all the help that we can get. I am so tired of being treated as a drug addict. I have been through so many test and they know that these medication are nessesary for people that are in my condition. I hate taking these on a daily basis but, have no choice. There are still times that even with the meds that the pain is still there. These are are my daily meds: Soma-350mgx2, Lorcet, 10/650 as needed, Arthrotec-75mg x2, Prozac 20mg x1, Osteo-Bi_Flex x2, Zanax 0.05 at night. My doctor has finally found a regimine that works for me.

I am also an advocate for the College of Rhumetology, Atlanta, Ga. we go to Washington every Feburary to lobby for research. After the trip I spend sometimes weeks in bed. But I feel that this is nessesary. Our doctors need help. The DEA should be on the streets and out of our doctor's offices. There are doctors that are being presocuitied for trying to help us and this is wrong.

Thank you very much for all the help and listening to me. Diane Williams
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Last night the CBS evening news reported that a multi-million dollar law suit is being filed against the makers of Oxicontin. Personally I would like to sue the bringer of this suit. Please convey to the makers my support.

Ron Phinney
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Hello,

I have for some years been a member of the FMS curse. I have taken many medications with some relief. About a year ago, Ultram was added to the mix of medications I take to be able to be functional. I can not believe the difference Ultram has made in the way I feel. I am not 100% but compared to a year ago, I am 50% human again. I am a semester away from a college degree in business at UW -Stout. I went back to school in 1988 and for what ever reason was having great difficulty remembering lectures. I could not remember what I had read or understand what I was reading and finally just gave up. Several years later, after thoroughly upsetting several doctors, I was diagnosed with FMS(Fibromyalgia). I can not hold a full time job. My husband will not be able to retire at 65 because of a change in our retirement plan 3 years ago. The company was purchased by Georgia-Pacific CORP who has raided our company retirement plan along with many of the old company's assets. I am not the person my husband married 40 years ago! Of course no one stays the same, but I was active, intelligent, outgoing and cheerful. The Ultram has helped bring me some peace. The greatest fear I have is that Ultram will be taken away or limited access for me! I respect this addition to my meds and have not abused it use.

Sincerely,
 Cecelia Link
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MR. BROATCH, THESE ARE MY COMMENTS ABOUT OPIOID ANALGESICS FOR TREATMENT OF MY RSD. I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING RSD FOR ALMOST 4 YEARS NOW. I HAVE A SPINAL COLUMN STIMULATOR IN PLACE, I HAVE HAD A SYMPLECTOMY AND YET I STILL HAVE PAIN. I HAVE BEEN ON 2 OR 3 ANTI-SEIZURE MEDICATIONS AT A TIME AND HAVE HAD OTHER PAINKILLERS WHICH I EITHER AM ALLERGIC TO OR DO NOT HELP THE PAIN. I GO BETWEEN VICOPROFIN AND TYLOX FOR PAIN AND IT MAKES LIFE BARABLE. IT DOES NOT KILL ALL THE PAIN BUT QUITES IT ENOUGH FOR ME TO DO SOME THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE. WE HAVE LITTLE CHOICE IN WHAT WE TAKE. DRUG ABUSERS HAVE A LOT OF CHOICE WITH THEIR LIVES. IF NOTHING ELSE LET US GET PRESCRIPTIONS WE CAN GET DIRECTLY FROM THE DRUG COMPANIES. I FEEL IT IS VERY UNFAIR OF THE FDA TO TRY TO REMOVE A DRUG THAT SOME OF US HAVE TO HAVE JUST TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF A LIFE. I BEG THEY DO NOT TAKE THAT FROM US.
 THANK YOU!
 TERESA AVANCE

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Subj: Oxycontin
Date: 6/17/01 10:14:34 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: BSch1014
To: Jwbroatch

I have RSD and have had it for about 2.5 years. I was just diagnosed last December, but a doctor I was sent to for a second opinion notated the probability of RSD over a year ago. Her notation was missed until I got a copy of my medical records. I've had 12 sympathetic nerve blocks in my spine with the longest one lasting 7 hours. The anesthesiologists felt to continue was not worth the risk. Since that time the RSD has spread. The first neurologist I saw 2 years ago told me I should seek psychiatric help. A physical therapist is the one that caught the RSD and reported it to my ortho. doc. He ordered a three phase bone scan and it showed "flagrant RSD". My doctors (a neurologist, a pain specialist and two anesthesiologists) told me it will just burn itself out and I will have to live with it until that time. I have a health plan that will not allow me to see doctors in any other clinic but mine without a referral. A referral was refused because they said they know how to treat RSD. I have made an appointment with another neurologist and am going to ask for something, anything for the pain. They are giving me Percocet, Vicodin and Darvocet, but they do not touch the pain.

Someone told me about MSContin. Can you tell me what the difference is between Oxycontin and MSContin? I asked my neurologist for Oxycontin and was told it is the same as Percocet. He said if Percocet didn't help, MSContin won't either. Is there a difference? Is one better than the other for RSD?

I really appreciate your help on this. I see the new doctor on Wednesday and would like to be informed before I go...

Thank you,
Bonnie Scherer

Subj:	RSD
Date:	6/17/01 8:12:36 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From:	BobJoT
To:	Jwbroatch

We have a daughter who has RSD. She emailed us today fwd'ing the announcement of the government and their stand on opioids.

Our daughter has had this terrible disease for a number of years. We cannot touch her (her pain level is that high)and have watched her retreating from others touching, those who do not know how she suffers.

If it weren't for the many drugs she takes, even the poor quality of life she has now, would simply be nonexistent.

It is VERY important to us and many others, that this issue of opioids be dismissed. How can this be?

I think it is because many doctors are just plain afraid to dispense these potent drugs. The government makes this so!

Please fight hard to stop this terrible affront to our daughter, and to many who have pain related diseases.

Jo and Bob Thompson

Subj: RSDS pain and federal government Date: 6/14/01 8:07:40 AM Pacific Daylight Time From: theflycastingcenter@att.net To: jwbroatch@aol.com
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To whom it may concern:

I was finally diagnosed after seeing several doctors with reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome or complex regional pain syndrome. I strongly encourage those who are in positions of power with regards to what medications can legally be used, consider that this type of pain is disabling. I hope any medications that allows individuals afflicted with this problem to live a more productive life be allowed to use it.

Mark Darcy

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Subj: opiate analgesics Date: 6/13/01 4:27:45 PM Pacific Daylight Time From: shaunagrrl@onemain.com Reply-to: shaunagrrl@onemain.com (Shaunagrrl) To: jwbroatch@aol.com
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an Intractable Pain patient taking large doses of opiate analgesic drugs. I can tell you from personal experience that approximately one year ago I posted a posting to my favorite web site "Support in the Clouds". What I told my friends was that upon careful consideration and many many long talks with my husband, we both decided that my quality of life was at an all time low (zero). I had been suffering with intractable pain for 10 years with no help and I didn't want to live anymore, I just couldn't do it anymore. We had rational conversations about how I would end my life. I was comfortable with the process we came up with. I had absolutely no fear, I was just so tired of the day-in and day-out pain, I was tired of living my life within the confines of my queen sized bed.

To make a longer story short. Someone read the posting and was able to put me in touch with an Intractable Pain Specialist in my area and because of him and only because of him am I even here today. That and the help of Methadone 10mg; Actiq 1600mcq suckers and a few other breakthrough meds.

I am alive today because of Methadone, I firmly believe this and would argue it to anyone who had the want and/or the desire to listen to me.

I have just switched my long acting opiate analgesic from Methadone to OxiContin. I must say that I like the switch. Here are a few of the important reasons for the switch. I am no longer groggy all day on the OxiContin like I was on the Methadone; I sleep much better at night on the OxiContin than I did with the Methadon (I averaged about 2 hours per night on the Methadone); I only have to take the OxiContin 2 - 3 times a day where as with the Methadone I was taking that 4 - 5 times a day and lastly I think it works better in controlling my long term pain.

I could write for days, and I hope this makes at least a little sense, but unfortunately due to the Fibromyalgia; I am unable to type for any extended periods of time as it sends my into a flare-up which sets off the burning in my muscles and joints and because of the Degenerative Spine Disease; I am unable to sit for any extended periods as that will incite a feeling of pain in my spine. I am sure the feeling would be close to being beaten with a metal bat up and down my entire spine.

At any rate, I wanted to submit something. I know how important it is for us all to stick together

Sincerely,

Shauna Nordstrom
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Wednesday, June 13, 2001 America Online: Jwbroatch

Subj: FDA Date: 6/12/01 10:18:36 AM Eastern Daylight Time From: stonethrow@adelphia.net (paula schofield) To: jwbroatch@aol.com
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To whom it may concern:

I am one of many who need these opiates in order to function in life. Oxycontin is one of the drugs that I need to take in order to function, neurontin, baclofen, they are some of the others. If the FDA cuts back on the supply of any of these drugs alot of people are going to suffef, myself included. Please do not cut back on these drugs because there are so many people with rsds/crps that need these drugs in order to function and without them they can not. My pain management doctor has many cases on the opiates and these are people with cronic pain, who need these drugs in order to have a better quaility of life,

Sincerely, Paula Schofield

P.S. I have had RSD for over 3 yrs.now. My pain management DR. Usmani, supports us in our cause.

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To: <jwbroatch@aol.com>

Subject: FDA

Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2001 10:21:41 -0400

Subj: Put out the Flame and the Pain Date: 6/12/01 9:56:35 AM Eastern Daylight Time From: bonzu2@hotmail.com (judy weese) To: jwbroatch@aol.com
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Hello, my name is Judy. I have had RSD in my right foot for now over two years. This is a very disabling pain that I have ever experienced. I have had Chronic pain for over 20 years now, but this pain is so very different. I myself have not yet been on this new medication. I know those who are on it and this may be the very medication to stop this awful pain. This disease is very crippling and it is a very controlling pain. I myself would like to try this new drug, if for nothing but to control this pain. This disease can and does take over 90 percent of the person's body, then what, if they take this off of the market what do we have to control this pain. It is bad enough that we who have RSD have to live with the burning it is like a very hot poker in the area that is affected. Please don't take away the best medication that us with RSD have. Thank you for your time! Have a great day and may God Bless!! Judy

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Subj: FDA Date: 6/13/01 10:19:58 AM Eastern Daylight Time From: bfligon@juno.com To: jwbroatch@aol.com

My son , Allen, has RSD. He developed it after a car accident 3 yrs. ago. We have been through nightmares trying to find something to control the pain. Oxycontin has been the "ONLY" answer. Without it he wouldn't be able to lead a normal life. He takes 120 mg 2 x a day & is the best he's been since the wreck. There is no impairment & we are thrilled to see him as close to normal as possible. If we can help in any way, please contact us.
 Brenda Ligon

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Subj: **oxycontin**
Date: 6/5/01 8:17:35 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From: *lindaloy29@yahoo.com (Linda Loy)*
To: *jwbroatch@aol.com*

To whom it may concern,

I have been suffering with RSD for 6 years. I have been on numerous differnt medications. I have a spinal column stimulator to help stop the pain signals from going to my brain. I take college courses in hope that there will someday be a cure so that I can work again. I had a hard time taking classes and functioning on pain medicine like the Fentanal patch. My doctor prescribed Oxycontin about 4 months ago. Since then I have become much more functional. I am no longer depressed from the medicine and can acomplish more activities then before. I never abuse the use of my Oxycontin. In fact I don't take as much as is prescribed unless I need it. My doctor regulates my medicine and the pharmacy does too. I am sorry that people who don't need this medicine have chosen to abuse it. I have read the stories in disgust. If you take away this medicine they will just replace it with another drug. Rather then ban the medication why not educate the doctors and prosecute the people who abuse the system. Please do not take this medicine away from responsible people who truely need pain control. This medicine has given me the opportunity to participate in life again. Please do not condemn myself and others to pain drugs that depress and leave us disfunctional.

Thank you Linda Loy

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Subj: RSDSA Electronic Alert #6 - - - Thanks Jim! Date: 6/5/01 7:04:40 PM Pacific Daylight Time From: gojaguar@yahoo.com (Jackie Miller) To: jwbroatch@aol.com

Hi Jim.

I have RSD in my right shoulder/arm/hand, chronic failed back surgery problems, fibromyalgia all from a fall onto a ceramic tile floor. I worked full time and, took care of our house, enjoyed gardening, swimming, power walking, and a whole host of other things. I was a VERY active 50 year 'young' person and even with the pain I have been told by everyone what a wonderful outlook I have.

If the FDA doesn't believe us and our pain maybe we should send our mates and friends to speak to them. People can't believe I'm in this shape after the fall. I've been a vegetarian and a health nut for years. My doctors have been great. They keep up with each other and me making sure I'm comfortable but not over drugged. In fact, I don't like drugs. Still don't but at one time or another since late 1997 I've probably tried all of them. But you know, when your body starts screaming in pain you have to do something or you not only drive yourself crazy but your mate and family (I'm lucky, mine are sweeties) as well.

I wonder if any of the FDA members have families that are in pain. Not to funny how these people can decide what's best for us and not our doctors ... but then you know the control there. Maybe we should take cars away from everyone since accidents cause death. Or TV and Movies since they're so violent and people copy them. Don't even get me started!

Take my letter with you Jim. Let them know that most of us are adults and responsible ones at that!

"THANK YOU" Jim for being our voice out there.

Sincerely,
 Jackie Miller
 St. Petersburg, FL

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Wednesday, June 06, 2001 America Online: Jwbroatch

Subj:	rsd
Date:	6/5/01 7:36:42 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From:	Sbichonfrise@cs.com
To:	Jwbroatch

Good morning,

Without the use of opioid pain medication I would not be here even though I am a very strong Christian. This pain is completely unbearable and the pain medication only takes a little edge off it but when I do not take it I cannot DO ANYTHING NOT EVEN LAY DOWN My bones hurt so bad all over. I also have a husband and 2 boys at home ages 5@6 so it is very important I be able to get out of bed and function somewhat. Also this pain makes be all most unbearable to live with when I do not take something for it. I will approach my doctor about oxicotin because I have to take something every 6 hours or so if I wait till the pain is so bad it take's a very long time to start working. Who should I e-mail or cal to help keep pain medications available for chronic pain suffers.

Thank you for your time,
SUZANNE GILLETTE
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JOHN 3:16

Subj: **OXYCONTIN**
Date: 6/5/01 5:19:08 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From: TDicke5747
To: Jwbroatch

MY DAUGHTER, 24 YEARS OLD, HAD TO HAVE SPINE SURGERY LAST YEAR AND WHILE RECUPERATING, FELL, INJURING HER KNEECAP REQUIRING ATHROSCOPIC SURGERY. SHE WENT 4 YEARS IN INTRACTABLE PAIN BEFORE FINALLY DIAGNOSED WITH THE SPINE PROBLEM AND HAS DEVELOPED RSD DUE TO KNEE SURGERY. SHE HAS BENEFITED GREATLY OVER THE LAST 4 YEARS WITH THE USE OF OXYCONTIN. IT HAS ENABLED HER TO MOVE AROUND AND HAVE A SOMEWHAT DECENT EXISTENCE. THE DRUG DOES NOT CAUSE HER TO BE OVERLY SEDATED, SO SHE IS ABLE TO FUNCTION AT ANY TASK SHE NEEDS TO. OXYCONTIN IS A WONDERFUL TIME RELEASED DRUG, SUPERIOR TO SHORTER ACTING DRUGS THAT SHOULD ONLY BE USED FOR ACUTE PAIN. CHRONIC PAIN PATIENTS SHOULD ALWAYS BE ALLOWED TO TRY OXYCONTIN DESPITE THE NEGATIVE PRESS RECENTLY SITED OVER PEOPLE THAT WOULD ABUSE ANY SUBSTANCE.

MY DAUGHTER IS ABLE TO LAUGH AND INTERACT IN LIFE BECAUSE OF THIS DRUG. WHEN MEDICAL RESEARCH FINALLY DISCOVERS A BETTER WAY TO CONTROL CHRONIC PAIN THAT INTERFERES WITH DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES, WE WILL BE HAPPY. UNTIL THEN, CHRONIC PAIN PATIENTS SHOULD NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY LIMITING THE AVAILABILITY OF OXYCONTIN. THEY DESERVE A GOOD NIGHTS REST AND A PAIN FREE DAY LIKE THE REST OF US.

Subj:	RSD and Oxycontin
Date:	6/4/01 11:47:37 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From:	ChristineHS@cs.com
To:	Jwbroatch

Hi, my name is Christine Hastings and I suffer from RSD as the result of an auto mobile accident. In the begining, after first being diagnosed I was put on many different pain killers, as well as meds. for depression and anxiety. As I have gotten worse the only meds. that have helped my pain have been Oxycontin an Oxy-IR including about 8 other meds. for different symptoms. The recent controversy about the oxycontin and oxy-ir is the result of misuse of the meds.by the many incompetant individuals who push the drug, and those who take it without knowing what it does and the effects of the med. Individuals who have drug problems and the pushers of many other drugs are the same people who will take this and be affected by this just like any other drug. People who suffer from RSDS and others who are in need of this type of medication are being forced to suffer without relief, due to the many incompetant and by those who are uneducated about the effects of any drugs. The abuse of this drug just like any other should not be tolerated, and those who do should be held to the highest regards of the law. Those individuals who use the drugs in an inappropriate mannor should not be forced to suffer because there are some who fail to use it properly. If we would do that to these meds. will effentially suffer the consequences of other drug abuse. Percocet, Endocet and many other class 2 ond 3 narcotics would and should then be taken off the market as well due to abuse, there is no difference b/t these drugs and the two in question, they all have some addictive agents in them. Those in need would then have to suffer due to the actions of all pain meds. being pulled. As a result of those who just pull these two meds. over 1.5 million people will suffer the consequences of FDA's actions. The actions of a few should not cause the many to suffer, and this is exactly what will happen if the FDA pulls these 2 meds. I think the FDA members need to due more research on those who are negatively suffering as the result of pushers, and illegal use of these meds to the many who use it properly and are desperately in need of them. Over 1.5 million are desperately in need of these meds. and without them we would be forced to suffer due to those who have abused them. Currently there have been at most 100-maybe 200 who have been misusing it and they should be the ones to pay and not those in need.

Christine Hastings

Subj: **june 14-15 fda meeting**
Date: 6/4/01 10:06:58 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Al jump
To: Jwbroatch

I don't understand people with chronic pain, can be compaired to rich movie stars. I get a rx from one doctor to at least ease my pain so i can even get out of bed, plus even be able to lay down and go to sleep. while these movie stars were getting rx from at least 3 doctors. they were taking enormance amounts at one time, snorting it up, and sometimes using a needles. i take vicodin, without it i will be in chronic sever pain all the time. i have tried the oxycontin, but was unable to tolerate, but am sure it helps some people. FDA advisory committee, PLEASE don't take away my ability to be able to get out of bed and be with my family. i have lost so much since 1995 when i was diagnois with rsd, my being the bread winner in the family, then years of fighting the worker's comp. insurance co, and just recently a bankruptcy. Don't take away my self worth, by making it impossible to take care of myself, and my children will have to. May God help you with these decisions you have . sincerely, maribeth

Subj: RSD/Oxycontin
Date: 6/4/01 6:24:23 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: KInman0001
To: Jwbroatch

I have had RSD since 1997 and just two months ago I was given oxycontin 20 mg twice a day and for the first time my pain in my left arm has somewhat decreased. If the medicine is taken off the market for the people that need it medically, I think this too is a crime. Please help the people like me that have chronic pain to be able to have a small decrease in the pain with this medicine, because I have tried it all and at least this medicine helps some.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Inman
Leesburg, FL

Subj: Oxycontin Date: 6/2/01 2:58:01 PM Pacific Daylight Time From: reising4@home.com (Ted, Tia & Kendall Reising) To: jwbroatch@aol.com

Hello, while I do not have RSDS, I do have Chronic Pain and I am on Oxycontin as part of my daily meds. This medicing has given me the freedom to participate in society again after having been absent fom it for 7 years. I was run over by a dump ruck at the age of 23. and have had 33 surgeries. If it wasn't for my daily medications, I would not be able to continue fighting on. My life is a constant battle with pain, but with Oxycontin, there seems to be some relief.

Recently, my PM doctor took me off of it due to the growing media, replacing it with Levorphanol. I didn't have near the coverage. Then, my pharmacy called and said Levorphanol wasn't being manufactured anymore and I would have to find a different medication. I spoke with my doctor and told him that I don't abuse my meds, I never have. He put me back on the Oxycontin. But for how long??

I would appreciate any more info you have on this subject and if there is anyway I can help, you let me know. I am willing to be a voice for so many of us out there who, without this medication, would rather not be here at all.

Tia

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Date: 6/2/01 11:51:27 AM Pacific Daylight Time
From: rphinney@crcom.net (Ron Phinney)
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My name is Ron Phinney I suffer from CPRS and take 40 mg of Oxycontin plus 40 mg of Oxyir all this and a dorsal Columbia stimulator. Still I often go 2 or 3 days without sleep due to pain. I saw the CBS broadcast it made me mad they made so little effort to explain what these drugs are for. It is possible to kill yourself by abusing almost anything, is that reason to prohibit its use? I had considered writing my congressman after reading the freetimes .com articles I believe I will. Please do not let them take this away from the ones who need it. Thank you for your time and concern.

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June 2, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an Intractable Pain patient taking large doses of opiate analgesic drugs. I can tell you from personal experience that approximately one year ago I posted a posting to my favorite web site "Support in the Clouds". What I told my friends was that upon careful consideration and many many long talks with my husband, we both decided that my quality of life was at an all time low (zero). I had been suffering with intractable pain for 10 years with no help and I didn't want to live anymore, I just couldn't do it anymore. We had rational conversations about how I would end my life. I was comfortable with the process we came up with. I had absolutely no fear, I was just so tired of the day-in and day-out pain, I was tired of living my life within the confines of my queen sized bed.

To make a longer story short. Someone read the posting and was able to put me in touch with an Intractable Pain Specialist in my area and because of him and only because of him am I even here today. That and the help of Methadone 10mg; Actiq 1600mcq suckers and a few other breakthrough meds.

I am alive today because of Methadone, I firmly believe this and would argue it to anyone who had the want and/or the desire to listen to me.

I have just switched my long acting opiate analgesic from Methadone to OxiContin. I must say that I like the switch. Here are a few of the important reasons for the switch. I am no longer groggy all day on the OxiContin like I was on the Methadone; I sleep much better at night on the OxiContin than I did with the Methadone (I averaged about 2 hours per night on the Methadone); I only have to take the OxiContin 2 - 3 times a day where as with the Methadone I was taking that 4 - 5 times a day and lastly I think it works better in controlling my long term pain.

I could write for days, and I hope this makes at least a little sense, but unfortunately due to the Fibromyalgia; I am unable to type for any extended periods of time as it sends my into a flare-up which sets off the burning in my muscles and joints and because of the Degenerative Spine Disease; I am unable to sit for any extended periods as that will incite a feeling of pain in my spine. I am sure the feeling would be close to being beaten with a metal bat up and down my entire spine.

At any rate, I wanted to submit something. I know how important it is for us all to stick together

Sincerely,

Shauna Nordstrom

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Live well, Laugh often, Love much !
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