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I am disabled. I have a broken back from when I was 5. I am taking a large dose of Vicodin. I have been for about 13 years. My last MRI showed that I am getting worse. My Dr agreed to give me a final increase of Vicodin. My Dr can not Rx a dose any higher. I pass every pill count and every urine test. I take this medication as it is Rx to me. I am not an addict of opiates. I do not believe that I should be treated as if I am an addict of opiates. Why is it that as with every other issue, the people that follow the rules are the ones that are left to deal with the fallout of those that choose to not. Why do you add a label (disease) to this addiction? I take more Vicodin in a day then most addicts do. I am not addicted to, I am dependent on, Vicodin. An opiate addiction is not a disease. Even with the amount that I take, I do not receive any intoxicative affect. I receive some pain relief. The solution is quite simple, PRISON, you don't even need to increase punishment laws, simply enforce them. The criminals know that between plea deals and stating that they need and will or are getting treatment, they will do very little if any time in prison. Reassure the Doctors that they will not be held responsible for the actions of the patients that divert their meds as long as they are following proper procedure of doing pill counts and urine tests. If any discrepancies are found and reported, the Doctors have done their part in keeping their patients in less pain and the community free from diverted Rx medications. My Dr is afraid to Rx me the medication that anyone in my situation should be receiving. This is just NOT right. PLEASE, do not make it more impossible for me to receive the pain relief I need and deserve. I am being treated less important then an animal.

Please, Be sure to advise the ladies and gentlemen of the definitions of:

Dependency: dependent on, reliant on, a need for.

Addiction: the fact of a condition of a habit or problem with a particular substance.

Disease: An interruption, cessation or disorder of a body system or, organs structure or function.

Only one recently recorded definition of any, drug disease, is, a condition caused by the lengthy use of a medication.

As many that are and are not in the medical field are unaware of the "Medical Dictionary" definitions.

As always, Anonymous in VT