

Mission Statement

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The Doctor Patient Forum is a non-partisan community-based organization that works to support pain patients and their providers with access to lifesaving pain relief and to mitigate the harmful effects of efforts to curb liberal prescribing and overdose. With a focus on disabled people, those with chronic pain, and providers who work with them, DPF provides information, practical tools, and policy analysis to strengthen patient-centered safe and appropriate medical support and advocates for approaches that reduce increasingly common suffering and death resulting from non-consensual medication reduction or termination of care.

**The Doctor Patient Forum
is a 501(c)(3) Organization**

*"The Don't Punish Pain/DPF movement has given me the strength to move forward. This movement will only become stronger as more people suffer. Bev and Claudia have taught me how to advocate for me and my family."
Chris, RI pain patient*



**Raising awareness
and improving conditions for:**

- **Pain patients facing forced opioid tapers**
- **Termination of pain care**
- **Patient dismissal leading to widespread patient abandonment**
- **Providers treating pain patients**



What we offer patients and providers:

- CME
- Legislative efforts
- Podcasts
- Newsletters
- Public speaking engagements
- Original research documents
- In-person support groups
- State-run rallies
- Patreon subscription page



Well-intended responses to the overdose crisis by state and federal authorities have caused unintended harmful consequences. Patient dismissal and forced non-consensual opioid and benzodiazepine tapers have led to a crisis of medically abandoned patients, suffering, and even death.



Our Vision

- Patient/provider protective legislation in all 50 states (Federal and State)
- Oversight of patient/provider risk scores
- Patient access to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
- PDMP transparency
- Transparency and ethics in Implementation Science
- Remove stigma