



Patient Abandonment and Forced Opioid Taper Questionnaire

Results as of August 2, 2023

The Doctor Patient Forum is a small nonprofit organization. Our mission is to advocate, educate, and protect the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship, while equipping our constituents with resources and tools to maintain quality-filled lives. One of our main missions is to raise awareness of the current issue of patient abandonment and forced opioid tapers.

We are collecting data/stories from patients who were on daily opioid therapy for pain and are currently no longer receiving a prescription from their provider, are currently in the process of being force tapered by their provider, were force tapered by their provider down to a lower dose than they were previously given or were abruptly cut off.

As of August 2, 2023, there is a total of 957 responses representing all 50 states. This questionnaire is ongoing and will remain active indefinitely.

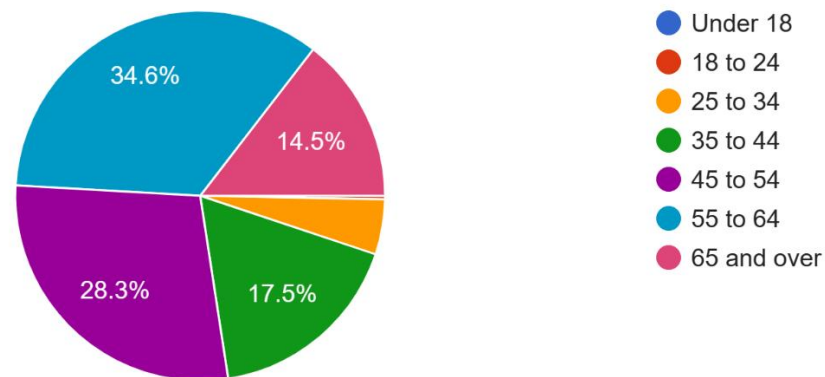
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Link to Survey: [Patient Abandonment and Forced Opioid Taper Questionnaire \(thedoctorpatientforum.com\)](http://www.thedoctorpatientforum.com)

- All of the 957 people who filled out the questionnaire have been either force tapered from opioid analgesics for the treatment of pain and/or abandoned by physician or clinic and are seeking new healthcare providers.
- The vast majority of people indicated they were told the decision to taper, force taper, discontinue, was due to the CDC Opioid Prescribing Guidelines, State Guidelines/Policies in addition to healthcare providers stating they were fearful of their respective state medical boards and the DEA.
- A total of 62 had a diagnosis of CRPS Type 1 or CRPS Type 2.

A few graphs created from results as of date:

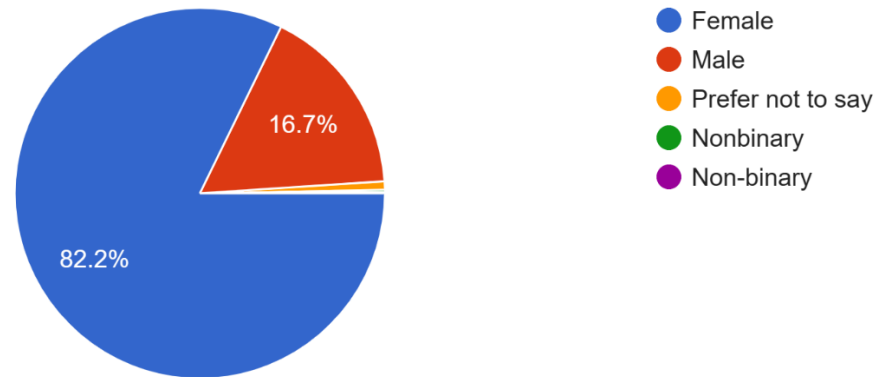
Age
957 responses



Of the 957 people who filled out the questionnaire, 49% are 55 and older.

Gender

957 responses



Since losing your provider, being abandoned, or force tapered, have you become disabled or unable to work?

957 responses

