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.

Website: [www.thedoctorpatientforum.com](http://www.thedoctorpatientforum.com)

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:

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

- Female: 82.2%
- Male: 16.7%
- Prefer not to say: 1.1%
- Nonbinary: 0.2%
- Non-binary: 0.1%

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

- Yes: 61.1%
- No: 29.2%
- Was already disabled and/or unable to work: 9.7%