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How is the opioid epidemic affecting you, your family, and your neighborhood? :

I have done almost all those so-called "alternatives" to pain medicine – physical therapy, 13 steroid injections, surgery and nerve ablation. Eight years after injuring my back while moving a patient when I was an x-ray tech, I still need tramadol to get through the day. I resent being looked down on by people who know nothing about how pain destroys your life. My solution is ridiculously simple. GET A NEW DRUG. When Vioxx was taken off the market a million people had to go "cold turkey". I was working in family practice and don't recall anyone having withdrawals. They were very upset about dealing with their chronic pain again. Newly injured patients had to be given addictive drugs. Now, here we are today with more deaths from opioids than Vioxx. Where are the scientists who used to find new drugs every year?