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Doctors and nurses are often not educated about pain management and prescribing morphine or are taught that morphine and other opioids are dangerous and should be used as little as possible even for those with life limiting illness and at the end of life.

Unreasonable fear of opioid use (opiophobia) leads to increased suffering worldwide.

How can you help?

Educate yourself
Educate yourself on morphine myths and facts. Visit the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance website to find out more.

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All people with life threatening illness and their families need and deserve comfort care and pain management through palliative care services.

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