I live with pain. I need relief. So I'm managing the risks of my medication.
Introducing
C.A.R.E.S. Alliance

A new patient safety initiative for healthcare professionals, drug manufacturers, patients and their loved ones to collaborate and act responsibly to ensure safety.
A concern we all have

For people living with pain, opioid medications can provide a way to get much-needed relief. Still, the risks of prescription pain medicines are serious and challenging. Abuse, misuse, addiction, overdose and diversion of pain medicines impact millions of people and their loved ones each year.

To improve patient safety, everyone involved in the treatment of pain needs to understand how to responsibly prescribe, appropriately dispense, safely store, use and dispose of these powerful pain relievers.

Potential risks surrounding prescription opioids include:

- Misuse
- Addiction
- Diversion
- Abuse
- Overdose

For patients to safely use prescription pain medicines, understanding the risks of these products is essential.

Pain affects more Americans than diabetes, heart disease and cancer combined, and is the leading cause of long-term disability.¹
Ensuring the safe use of pain medications is not just the responsibility of one person—it’s everyone’s responsibility. To help each person play their part, C.A.R.E.S. Alliance has brought together a wide variety of educational resources designed to promote greater communication and understanding between physicians, patients, pharmacists and drug manufacturers.

By working together to diminish the risks of prescription pain medications, we can help patients get relief they need without sacrificing the safety they deserve.

Information and resources are available at [www.caresalliance.org](http://www.caresalliance.org)

Prescription pain medicines are powerful tools in the fight against pain. Yet the risks of these therapies must be balanced by equally powerful tools that can enhance responsible prescribing and safe use.

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Have an idea for a resource you’d like to see? Share it with us at [www.caresalliance.org](http://www.caresalliance.org) or call 1-800-233-8969.
To help provide solutions that improve safety in pain management, C.A.R.E.S. Alliance seeks cooperation and support from individuals and groups who share our passion for patient safety, including healthcare professionals, patients, leading experts, pharmaceutical companies and other organizations.

Working together, we can ensure appropriate access and enhance safe use of pain medications, helping people who live with pain find relief.

Call 1-800-233-8969 or visit www.caresalliance.org
To learn more about how you can help improve patient safety and reduce the risks of prescription pain medications, call us at 1-800-233-8969 or visit our Web site:

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C.A.R.E.S. Alliance was created to help patients, healthcare professionals, nonprofit organizations and people in the pharmaceutical industry work together to improve patient safety.

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