

Den 502.01 Professional Misconduct.

(c) When prescribing any controlled substance for use in pain control, licensees shall:

(1) Document prescription for such controlled substances, and when prescribing an opioid for acute pain, provide the patient with information that contains the following:

- a. Risk of side effects, including addiction and overdose resulting in death;
- b. Risks of keeping unused medication;
- c. Options for safely disposing of unused medication; and
- d. Danger in operating motor vehicle or heavy machinery;

(2) Utilize appropriate treatment standards for the treatment of chronic pain, including:

a. Utilization of an informed consent that explains the following risks associated with opioids:

1. Addiction;
2. Overdose and death;
3. Physical dependence;
4. Physical side effects;
5. Tolerance; and
6. Crime victimization; and

b. Proper patient evaluation, including a risk assessment. A risk assessment means a process for predicting a patient's likelihood of misusing or abusing opioids in order to develop and document a level of monitoring for that patient. An example of a screening tool is the Screener and Opioid Assessment for Patients with Pain (SOAPP), but prescribers can use any evidence-based screening tool.

- c. Creation of a treatment plan;
- d. A written pain agreement;
- e. Appropriate consultations;
- f. Periodic review and follow-up; and
- g. Appropriate toxicology screening;

- (3) Comply with all federal and state controlled substances laws, rules, and regulations;
- (4) Adhere to the principles outlined in the Federation of State Medical Boards Model Policy on the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain, July 2013;
- (5) Adhere to the principles outlined in the Clinical Guidelines for the Use of Buprenorphine in the Treatment of Opioid Addiction, A Treatment Improvement Protocol by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2004) found at http://buprenorphine.samhsa.gov/Bup_Guidelines.pdf; and
- (6) Adhere to the principles outlined in the New Hampshire Dental Society "Opioids in the Dental Practice Guidelines for New Hampshire Dentists".