

WAC 246-817-971 Episodic care of chronic opioid patients. (1)

When providing episodic care for a patient who the dentist knows is being treated with opioids for chronic pain, such as for emergency or urgent care, the dentist shall review the PMP to identify any Schedule II-V or drugs of concern received by the patient and document in the patient record their review and any concerns.

(2) A dentist providing episodic care to a patient who the dentist knows is being treated with opioids for chronic pain should provide additional opioids to be equal to the severity of the acute pain. If opioids are provided, the dentist shall limit the use of opioids to the minimum amount necessary to control the acute nonoperative pain, acute perioperative pain, or similar acute exacerbation of pain until the patient can receive care from the practitioner who is managing the patient's chronic pain treatment.

(3) The episodic care dentist shall report known violations of the patient's written agreement to the patient's treatment practitioner who provided the agreement for treatment.

(4) The episodic care dentist shall coordinate care with the patient's chronic pain treatment practitioner if that person is known to the episodic care dentist, when practicable.

(5) For the purpose of this section "episodic care" means medical or dental care provided by a practitioner other than the designated primary care practitioner in the acute care setting; for example, urgent care or emergency department.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.002, 18.32.0365, 18.32.800 and 2017 c 297. WSR 19-02-043, § 246-817-971, filed 12/26/18, effective 1/26/19.]