

WAC 246-817-935 Periodic review. (1) The dentist shall periodically review the course of treatment for chronic pain. The frequency of visits, biological testing, and PMP queries must be determined based on the patient's risk category:

- (a) For a high-risk patient, at least quarterly;
- (b) For a moderate-risk patient, at least semiannually;
- (c) For a low-risk patient, at least annually;
- (d) Immediately upon indication of concerning aberrant behavior;

and

(e) More frequently at the dentist's discretion.

(2) During the periodic review, the dentist shall determine:

- (a) The patient's compliance with any medication treatment plan;
- (b) If pain, function, or quality of life have improved, diminished, or are maintained using objective evidence; and
- (c) If continuation or modification of medications for pain management treatment is necessary based on the dentist's evaluation of progress towards treatment objectives.

(3) Periodic patient evaluations must also include:

- (a) History and physical examination related to the pain;
 - (b) Use of validated tools to document either maintenance of function and pain control or improvement in function and pain level;
- and

(c) Review of the Washington state PMP to identify any Schedule II-V medications or drugs of concern received by the patient at a frequency determined by the patient's risk category, and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of WAC 246-817-980 and subsection (1) of this section.

(4) The dentist shall assess the appropriateness of continued use of the current treatment plan if the patient's progress or compliance with current treatment plan is unsatisfactory. The dentist shall consider tapering, changing, or discontinuing treatment in accordance with the provisions of WAC 246-817-966.

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