

WAC 246-840-4955 Episodic care of chronic opioid patients. (1)

When providing episodic care for a patient who the advanced registered nurse practitioner knows is being treated with opioids for chronic pain, such as for emergency or urgent care, the advanced registered nurse practitioner shall review the prescription monitoring program (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) An advanced registered nurse practitioner providing episodic care to a patient who the advanced registered nurse practitioner 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 advanced registered nurse practitioner 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 advanced registered nurse practitioner 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 advanced registered nurse practitioner shall coordinate care with the patient's chronic pain treatment practitioner if that person is known to the episodic care advanced registered nurse practitioner, when practicable.

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