

WAC 246-854-260 Use of alternative modalities for pain treatment. The osteopathic physician assistant shall consider multimodal pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic therapy for pain rather than defaulting to the use of opioid therapy alone whenever reasonable, evidence-based, clinically appropriate alternatives exist. An osteopathic physician assistant may combine opioids with other medications and treatments including, but not limited to, acetaminophen, acupuncture, chiropractic, cognitive behavior therapy, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), osteopathic manipulative treatment, physical therapy, massage, or sleep hygiene.

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