

Opioid Prescriptions - What Physicians, PAs and NPs Need to Know

Recent evaluations identified higher than expected “fall outs” with the CDC safety guidelines for opioid prescriptions. Below are the three CDC guidelines for prescribing opioids that are currently a focus. These guidelines should be shared with all providers, including physician assistants and nurse practitioners.

#1

Prescription Quantity

The ideal is up
to 3 days;
over 7 days is
rarely required

#2

Type of Opioid

Utilize Immediate
Release opioids
(rather than
extended release)

#3

Opioids & Benzodiazepines

Avoid concurrent
use if possible
(this has a Black
Box warning)

Questions?

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Learn more www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/prescribing/guideline.html