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JCAHO Standards

JCAHO Pain Standards: Accreditation and Pain Management

The pain management guidelines implemented by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) in January 2001 mandate the regular assessment of pain and the establishment of policies and procedures that support the appropriate use of pain medication.

In this section you will find educational materials developed by Purdue Pharma to help you comply with the JCAHO pain standards, as well as a listing of comprehensive pain support services.

Below is a brief summary of the issues addressed by the JCAHO pain guidelines, with links to materials to help with compliance:

A. Involve patients in their care:

- o Provide statement of patient's rights
- o Provide information about pain and pain relief measures

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B. Appropriate assessment and management of pain in all patients:

- o Plan, support and coordinate assessment and management activities and resources
- o Educate staff in proper assessment and management of pain

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C. Identification of patients in pain, reassessment and follow-up:

- o Educate staff in:
 - Proper pain assessment
 - Barriers to reporting pain
 - Proper use of analgesics

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D. Hospital monitoring of patients post-procedure:

- o Assess pain when making decisions about discharge in terms of
 - Changes in quality of pain
 - Changes in intensity of pain
 - Response to treatment

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Pain Management, Lawful Prescribing, and Anti-Diversion Skills and Strategies for Physicians and Pharmacists

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Resources for Your Patients

- [Patient Comfort Assessment Guide](#)
- [Home Care of the Hospice Patient](#)
- [Managing Cancer Pain](#)

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E. Teach patients that pain management is part of treatment:

- o Offer patients and families instructional material about pain management to meet their ongoing needs
- o Provide educational materials that are easy to understand

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F. Provide for a continuum of care upon discharge:

- o Consider patient's needs upon discharge
- o Provide services to help meet those needs

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