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Subject: RE: Follow up to Pain management journal club, deciding on "high dose opioids" and should there be a cap

Thanks. Do you think that this will reduce or abolish our risk of unintentional overdoses?

Hal

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Hal,

Hope you had a good break!

We are likely to recommend a threshold opioid dose which will trigger a mandatory clinician peer review. I also know that separately, Josh Bamberger is working on expanding naloxone distribution beyond to IDUs through needle exchange sites to include patients who are prescribed opioids.

Joseph

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Thank you.

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Joseph,
sorry for my delay; i just returned from vacation. yours was the only
response and I appreciate it. please keep me in the loop. this sounds
like
an excellent plan of action. I don't know much about this field, but
there
has been a lot of recent discussion about the potential dangers of high
dose opiates in chronic pain management with unintended deaths etc... Do
you think this will this be addressed in the standardized approach?
thanks,
Hal

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Hal,

Thanks for your input. I am not sure if someone might have already responded to your e-mail. If not, I wanted to update you (and others) on our plan. The COPC PCQI Pain Task Force is in the process of drafting a document that will summarize the rationale and recommendation for a standardized approach to this issue across all DPH clinics. I plan to present a draft of this document at the August 20 PCQI meeting. I will make sure to circulate it for comment electronically to the other stake-holders who have participated in this discussion.

Please let me know if you have any other thoughts or questions.

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I greatly appreciate all of the thoughtful discussion. May I ask this
group to put this, what appears to be general agreement, into a document
that we can have discussed at our various organizational committees for
acceptance and implementation as a system-wide guideline or policy?

Thanks,

Hal

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-----Original Message-----

From: Horton, Claire

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Hi all - pardon my delayed response, I was on vacation.

I agree with all - I like the idea of a triggered peer review rather
than a cap.

Are we leaning toward the 200 mg morphine (or its equivalent) or 400? I
would defer to others (James Gaspar, Bob Brody, Dr. Dan) on this
question.

See you Friday!

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-----Original Message-----

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HI. At our journal club, please respond even if you were not able to attend, we discussed whether there should be a level of opiate that should trigger a peer review or if there should be a dose that should not be exceeded (aka a cap)

Those in attendance thought there should not be a specific cap, but supported a dose that would trigger a peer discussion at the level of the clinic.

The Clinical guidelines for the use of chronic opioid therapy in chronic non-cancer pain by the American Pain Society and American Academy of Pain, published in the Journal of Pain 2009 say:
"there is no standard for what "high" is, but their panel uses > 200 mg of morphine sulfate or equivalent as a definition of a "high" dose.

Please reply to me and answer these 2 questions:

1.
Do you agree that daily doses > 200 mg of morphine or equivalent should trigger a peer discussion at the level of the health center or clinic. The peer group could be defined locally but would include another provider and ideally one or more from another discipline like , psych, nursing or social work. The peer review would be documented in the chart.

2,
Do you favor a dosage cap for opiates that should not be exceeded unless there is a prior approval mechanism (to be determined)? If so what dose of morphine or equivalent.

All please feel free to add any comments.

-Dan Włodarczyk