

The Atlantic Provinces Medical Peer Review



MANAGEMENT OF SPECIFIC DISEASE ENTITIES

Family Medicine # 6

CHRONIC PAIN

It is important to note that these guidelines are meant to be of assistance to assessors in making observations. They should not be taken as standards of any of the Atlantic Provinces Licensing Authorities.

Documentation for all patients to include:

- ✓ Proper investigations of disease:
 - X-rays, CT-scans, MRI's
 - Physical findings & appropriate consultations
 - History of addiction, alcohol use, etc.

- ✓ Prescribing information:
 - Use of patient narcotic information sheet & narcotic flow sheet
 - Use of patient contract
 - Details of prescription or copy of prescription written which includes:
 - name of drug; dosage & amount of drug prescribed; next prescription date;
 prescription advice;

- ✓ Follow-up visits:
 - Documentation on response to treatment
 - Rationale for any increase in dosage
 - Use of adjunctive medications and/or therapies such as tricyclics, other anti-depressants, or anti-convulsants

	N/A	E	S	D
The documented investigations and diagnoses are appropriate to the complaint/condition.				
A patient contract, narcotic flow sheets and/or other evidence of narcotic control is present.				
Response to treatment is appropriately recorded and regularly reviewed.				

COMMENTS: _____
