

Checklist: Chronic Pain Management Patient Documentation – Reassessment

The following elements are present in the medical record

A. Complete a comprehensive patient reassessment:

- ___ Review chief complaint
- ___ Assess the success, failure or progress made toward the established goal
 - Efficacy of pain relief
 - Improved physical function
 - Improved psychosocial function
 - Effectiveness of other recommended treatment modalities
 - Drug side effects
- ___ Assess impact of additional information on ongoing treatment
 - Urine drug screen results
 - Prescription monitoring program results
 - Pill count results
 - Treatments received through an emergency room or other provider
 - Any suggestion of misuse or abuse of prescription medications
 - Illegal drugs
 - Alcohol
 - Manic or violent outbreaks
 - Depressive behaviors or thoughts of suicide
- ___ Assess patient for the risk of abuse
 - Use of medications for psychological effects versus pain relief
 - Use of other controlled substances or illegal substances and/or alcohol
 - Obtaining additional pain medication
 - Selling their medications
 - Taking more medication than prescribed
 - Taking medication for reasons not prescribed

B. Follow-up appointment:

- ___ Determine, based on the individual patient, what level of patient monitoring is necessary to achieve the required result and avoid an adverse outcome
 - 14 day follow-up
 - 28 day follow-up
 - 56 day follow-up
 - 84 day follow-up
- ___ Comparison of prescriptions written against patient presenting for follow-up appointments support the appropriate level of patient monitoring
- ___ Comparison of other monitoring, e.g., urine drug screen, support the appropriate level of patient monitoring

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