WAC 246-840-4651  Patient notification, secure storage, and disposal. (1) The practitioner shall provide information to the patient educating them of:
   (a) Risks associated with the use of opioids as appropriate to the medical condition, the type of patient, and the phase of treatment;
   (b) The safe and secure storage of opioid prescriptions; and
   (c) The proper disposal of unused opioid medications including, but not limited to, the availability of recognized drug take-back programs.
(2) The practitioner shall document such notification in the patient record.
(3) Patient notification must occur, at a minimum, at the following points of treatment:
   (a) The first issuance of a prescription for an opioid; and
   (b) The transition between phases of treatment, as follows:
      (i) Acute nonoperative pain or acute perioperative pain to subacute pain; and
      (ii) Subacute pain to chronic pain.

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