

WAC 246-840-4659 Patient evaluation and patient record—Acute.

Prior to prescribing an opioid for acute nonoperative pain or acute perioperative pain, the advanced registered nurse practitioner shall:

(1) Conduct and document an appropriate history and physical examination including screening for risk factors for overdose and severe postoperative pain; or

(2) Consider the discharge facility's history and physical examination an appropriate history and physical examination to allow timely prescribing of needed medications for acute nonoperative pain or acute perioperative pain in nursing homes licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW or 388-97 WAC, nursing homes and long-term acute care hospitals (LTACs);

(3) Evaluate the nature and intensity of the pain or anticipated pain following surgery; and

(4) Inquire about any other medications the patient is prescribed or is taking including type, dosage, and quantity prescribed.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.010, 18.79.110, and 18.79.250. WSR 23-14-082, § 246-840-4659, filed 6/29/23, effective 7/30/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.79.800 and 2017 c 297. WSR 18-20-086, § 246-840-4659, filed 10/1/18, effective 11/1/18.]