

Quick Guide



What to do?

Acute Pain

- Communicate dose limits and duration of treatment with patient/GP
- Avoid long acting opioids

Chronic Non Cancer Pain

- Avoid prescribing opioids for flare ups or to treat opioid withdrawal
- Discuss tapering plans with patient/GP
- Refer if suspected opioid use disorder

- Limit supply to 3 days based on previous 24hrs use
- Discuss side effects, storage, existing stock at home and driving safety
- Don't duplicate GP opioid prescriptions
- Don't provide additional opioids for patients on opioid agonist therapy
- Communicate plan with patient/GP

Prescribing on discharge