



Opioid Stewardship Assessment

Facility Name: _____ CCN: _____ Completed by: _____

Work with your organization’s leadership team to complete the following assessment. Each item relates to opioid stewardship pillars that should be in place for a successful opioid stewardship program in your facility. This assessment is supported by published evidence and best practices from organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Joint Commission, National Quality Forum (NQF), Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), and state government recommendations.

Pillars of Opioid Stewardship		mm/dd/yy _/_/___	mm/dd/yy _/_/___	mm/dd/yy _/_/___	mm/dd/yy _/_/___
I. Promote Leadership Commitment and Culture		Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0
1	Does your facility assess awareness and organizational readiness to implement or improve pain management and opioid stewardship efforts?				
2	Does your facility define overall goals for opioid safety?				
3	Is there a designated leader/champion responsible for supporting opioid stewardship efforts?				
4	Is there an interdisciplinary opioid stewardship team comprised of clinical and administrative staff representing medicine, anesthesia, surgery, behavioral health, nursing, pharmacy, and information technology?				
5	Does your facility use specific, organizational metrics that are easily extractable from the electronic medical record (EMR)?				
6	Does your facility regularly review progress toward opioid safety goals?				
Total number of “Yes” (1) answers					

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II. Implement Organizational Policies		Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0
1	Does your facility have opioid prescription management policies and procedures?				
2	If so, are these policies and procedures in place in the emergency department (ED), inpatient areas, and ambulatory care settings, including all the steps of the opioid prescription management process (prescription, preparation, administration, dispensation upon discharge, and monitoring after discharge)?				
3	Are opioids included in the facility's defined list of high-alert medications?				
4	Are your facility's opioid prescribing protocols/order sets and clinical decision tools integrated into the EMR?				
5	Does your facility have a process to review/monitor provider prescribing practices?				
6	Does your facility use tools that enable assessment of pain and safe, effective treatment?				
7	Are frontline clinicians engaged in policy creation and development of tools and organizational guidelines?				
8	Are patient and family advisors/representatives engaged in development and review of policies?				
Total number of "Yes" (1) answers					

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III. Advance Clinical Knowledge, Expertise, and Practice		Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0
1	Does appropriate opioid prescribing occur through understanding of both the biology of pain and the guidelines for acute and chronic opioid prescribing?				
2	If yes, is appropriate opioid prescribing followed by a comprehensive pain evaluation?				
3	Does your facility provide education to ensure prescribers understand multimodal analgesia?				
4	Does your facility provide education to ensure prescribers use enhanced communication techniques to better facilitate conversations with patients and family caregivers?				
6	Has your facility implemented targeted strategies for opioid naïve patients?				
7	Has your facility implemented targeted strategies for opioid exposed patients?				
8	Has your facility implemented targeted strategies for opioid use disorder patients?				
9	Does your facility organize a warm hand-off to other providers once the patient is no longer in the initial prescriber’s care?				
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IV. Enhance Patient Family Caregiver Education and Engagement		Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0
1	Are patients and families engaged in discussion and education when it comes to the treatment of pain, including the risks of all prescribed and/or over-the-counter medications they are taking and the use of non-pharmacologic approaches to treating pain?				
2	Does your facility provide patient opioid/pain education materials in multiple mediums, such as written (brochures, posters, etc.) and audio/visual (videos, webpages, etc.)?				
3	Does your facility provide patient opioid/pain education materials in plain language (appropriate literacy level)?				
4	Does your facility provide patient opioid/pain education materials in languages other than English?				
5	Does your facility involve the patient and family caregivers to set realistic goals for pain relief and functional outcomes?				
6	Does your facility engage patient and family advisory councils (PFACs) in support of opioid initiatives such as: driving continuously quality improvement, raising awareness, and providing support to current patients?				
Total number of "Yes" (1) answers					

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V. Track, Monitor, and Report Performance Data		Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0
1	Does your facility track and monitor key metrics to assess the impact of the opioid stewardship program?				
2	Does your facility have an integrated approach to facilitate the collection of prescribing data and opioid-related adverse drug events (ORADEs).				
3	Does your facility have an integrated approach to facilitate the use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)?				
4	If yes, does your facility use the PDMP data collection to inform and modify practice, organizational policy, and guidelines?				
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VI. Establish Accountability		Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0
1	Does your facility articulate performance expectations and incentives to promote the opioid stewardship program, including to: the board; chief executive(s); department heads; and medical, nursing, and pharmacy staff leadership?				
2	Is there a process for addressing opioid-management outlier clinicians or practices, developed by the leadership team?				
3	Does your facility write institutional requirements for accountability for prescribing practices, appropriate patient screening, and use of the PDMP?				
4	Does your facility report PDMP data collection to the board on a regular basis?				
Total number of "Yes" (1) answers					



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VII. Support Community Collaboration		Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0	Yes=1, No=0
1	Does your facility collaborate with community leaders and stakeholders (including home health care providers, dental clinics, EDs, pharmacies, first responders, mental health providers, and substance use disorder clinics) on a regular basis?				
2	Does a designated individual act as a liaison between your facility and the community?				
3	Does your facility develop shared goals and strategies to jointly address the opioid epidemic in the community?				
4	Does your facility have established community linkages to timely provider referrals for behavioral health treatment, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) after Bridge Program, and/or other substance use disorder treatment/support agencies?				
5	Does your facility directly provide post-discharge pain management or have a structured referral process for provision of post-discharge pain management?				
Total number of "Yes" (1) answers					

National Quality Forum. National Quality Partners Playbook: Opioid Stewardship. 2018. Available at: https://www.qualityforum.org/National_Quality_Partners_Opioid_Stewardship_Action_Team.aspx

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