



Practice Guidelines are recommendations developed by the College to which members should be familiar with and follow whenever and wherever possible and appropriate.

Opioid Prescribing

Preamble

The College expects physicians to prescribe opioid medications in a manner which is safe and effective. The College recognizes the *2017 Canadian Guidelines for Opioids for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain* as the current best practice for physicians in Newfoundland and Labrador. These guidelines can assist physicians in making practice decisions about the safe and effective use of opioids for chronic non-cancer pain management.

Practice Guidelines

Physicians should follow the recommendations outlined in the *2017 Canadian Guidelines for Opioids for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain*.

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