

**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;

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

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

[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.]