

WAC 246-922-675 Patient notification, secure storage, and disposal. (1) The podiatric physician shall provide information to the patient educating them of risks associated with the use of opioids as appropriate to the medical condition, the type of patient, and the phase of treatment. The podiatric physician shall document such notification in the patient record.

(2) Patient notification must occur, at a minimum, at the following points of treatment:

(a) The first issuance of a prescription for an opioid; and

(b) The transition between phases of treatment, as follows:

(i) Acute nonoperative pain or acute perioperative pain to subacute pain; and

(ii) Subacute pain to chronic pain.

(3) Patient notification must include information regarding:

(a) The safe and secure storage of opioid prescriptions; and

(b) The proper disposal of unused opioid medications including, but not limited to, the availability of recognized drug take-back programs.

(4) The patient notification requirements in this section shall be deemed fulfilled by providing board-approved patient education information.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.22.005, 18.22.015, 18.22.800, and 2017 c 297. WSR 18-20-085, § 246-922-675, filed 10/1/18, effective 11/1/18.]