

Background Information:

Perioperative pain management in opioid tolerant patients and patients treated with medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) requires close collaboration among surgeons, anesthesiologists, pain management specialists, addiction specialists, nurses, pharmacists, and primary care physicians.

Objectives:

The use of established guidelines facilitates the coordination of optimal perioperative care for this patient population, grounded in the best available evidence and clinical expertise.



Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing:

- Improve PACU staff confidence in caring for postoperative opioid tolerant patients
- Improve PACU pain management in opioid tolerant patient population
- Improve hospital throughput and decrease length of stay

Statement of Successful Practice:

- Enhanced patient experience by improving perioperative pain management in opioid tolerant patients

PAIN SCALE

