

Opioid analgesic stewardship: 9a - Evidence of a locally approved policy to support the transfer of care of patients who separate from hospital with a supply or prescription of opioid analgesics

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	9a - Evidence of a locally approved policy to support the transfer of care of patients who separate from hospital with a supply or prescription of opioid analgesics
METEOR identifier:	755572
Registration status:	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2022
Description:	Evidence of a locally approved policy to support the transfer of care of patients who leave the hospital with a supply or prescription of opioid analgesics.
Rationale:	<p>Planning for appropriate analgesic use at the transfer of care begins when a patient is started on an opioid analgesic, according to an agreed opioid analgesic weaning and cessation protocol.</p> <p>The aim of this indicator is to support appropriate opioid analgesic prescribing on discharge and communication with the patient's ongoing clinicians and carers when an opioid is considered necessary for a patient with acute pain.</p>
Indicator set:	Clinical care standard indicators: Opioid Analgesic Stewardship in Acute Pain - Acute care edition Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2022

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>The locally approved policy should specify the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisation's opioid analgesic weaning and cessation protocol• Process for referral to specialist services, if required• Required documentation to be provided to the patient and/or carer• Required clinical handover documentation to be provided to the general practitioner• Process to ensure the workforce is competent in the use of the policy, and• Process to assess adherence to the policy. <p>The policy should support the care of both patients admitted to hospital and patients treated in the emergency department.</p>
Computation:	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>A healthcare setting that has documented evidence of a locally approved policy that is implemented should record 'Yes.' Otherwise, the healthcare setting should record 'No.'</p>

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Count
Data type:	Real
Unit of measure:	Service event
Format:	Yes/No

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Reference documents: Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. Opioid Analgesic Stewardship in Acute Pain Clinical Care Standard – Acute care edition. Sydney: ACSQHC; 2022.