

**MHHS Pain Management Standards**

Joint Commission Standard	Physician Knowledge/Actions
<p><b>Elements of Performance for LD.04.03.13</b> Pain assessment and pain management, including safe opioid prescribing, are identified as an organizational priority for the hospital.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Under the Clinical Programs Committee structure, Memorial Hermann Health System (MHHS) has identified the <b>PRN Pain Taskforce</b> as the system wide leadership committee to address pain management and safe opioid prescribing practices. Under the guidance of this committee, the <b>Chronic Pain Workgroup</b> will address specific issues related to chronic and long-term opioid use.</li> <li>➤ Guideline related to non-pharmacological pain treatment modalities are currently established in each facilities <b>“Pain Assessment and Management”</b> procedure document accessible on the MHHS One Source internal web site under the “Policies” tab.</li> <li>➤ Pain Management Continuing Medical Education modules specific to opioid prescribing are available at the following web sites:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/training/overview/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/training/overview/index.html</a></li> <li>○ <a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/training-resources/opioid-courses">https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/training-resources/opioid-courses</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Confirm you have access to Texas PMPAware</b> (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Database) by logging in and/or registering at <a href="https://texas.pmpaware.net/login">https://texas.pmpaware.net/login</a></li> <li>➤ Check the Texas PMPAware web site <b>BEFORE</b> writing any narcotic prescription and assess patient for risk for opioid/benzodiazepine abuse</li> </ul>
<p><b>Medical Staff expectations (MS.05.01.01)</b> The organized medical staff has a leadership role in organization performance improvement activities to improve quality of care, treatment, and services and patient safety.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The PRN Pain Taskforce and the Chronic Pain Workgroup will be the <b>leadership committee</b> that oversees MHHS Policies, Procedures and Guidelines for pain management and safe opioid prescribing practices.</li> <li>➤ These same committees will also oversee the <b>development and monitoring of quality metrics and performance improvement activities</b>. The quality data will be reported up through the System Quality Committee of the MHHS Board.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Provision of Care expectations (PC.01.02.07)</b> The hospital assesses and manages the patient’s pain and minimizes the risks associated with treatment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Evidence based treatment plan is currently available to all physicians by utilizing the <b>Acute Pain Management Medical Power Plan (MPP) and/or Chronic Pain Management MPP</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Criteria to screen, assess and reassess pain</b> are currently established in each facilities <b>“Pain Assessment and Management”</b> procedure document accessible on the MHHS One Source internal web site under the “Policies” tab.</li> <li>➤ <b>Patient Education</b> resources are available in the Electronic Health Record (EHR) utilizing the education module for patient handouts. Please use the search function to locate the appropriate handout, i.e. search for “opioid”</li> </ul>