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To Doctors from Emergency Departments, Specialist offices, (including, dentists, podiatrists, others), Urgent Care and Surgeons of ALL types:

If you advise one of our patients to use analgesic medicines over and above the medication dose WPSC providers have previously prescribed for a CHRONIC condition, we (WPSC) expect you to write for the prescription/s needed to cover the acute pain problem you have treated. We are unable to treat conditions we have not evaluated and legally cannot prescribe for a patient unless seen and evaluated by one of our providers.

Please understand that our practice ONLY sees patients for chronic conditions. Our appointment availability is generally 4 weeks or longer. If you see and evaluate an acute condition and advise a patient to utilize pain medications prescribed for a chronic condition then please write an appropriate prescription for your patient; a new prescription if you choose a different pain medication for the acute condition or a new prescription for the same pain medication being utilized for the patient's chronic condition but with the appropriate increase in number of pills to cover the acute condition.

Patients with chronic pain conditions often have acute pain for unrelated medical problems. Any patient can experience acute pain even if being treated for a chronic pain condition. In these situations, a patient's regular pain medicine program is typically adequate to address the acute pain symptoms. This includes post-surgical care as well. Please treat our patients compassionately as you would any other patient with acute pain. At WPSC we do not have the resources to manage and treat acute medical conditions which result in pain.

With our sincere thanks,

The Providers at WPSC