

Prescribing controlled substances in the pediatric population

A pain doctor's perspective

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Problem

Solution

Too much emphasis on the Visual Analog Scale

Use age-appropriate functional scores

Pain is highly subjective

Checklists

Multiple providers

Improve communication between providers

Lack of alert system

Alert provider when necessary

PDMP not connected to provider's workflow

Integrate into workflow

Diversion and abuse by family members

Must have safety measures

We Must

- Reduce misuse
- Help curb addiction
- Manage risk
- Track usage
- Prevent leakage of CS on the open market
- Improve tracking and monitoring
- Do our due diligence