



SAFE & EFFECTIVE PAIN CONTROL Screening Checklist

APPROPRIATE USE FOR PAIN CONTROL

Will the patient need opioid pain medication after surgery?

Yes No

If YES:

- Inform the patient about the risks of opioids
- Consider multimodal pain control
- Review care plan, including use of the [ACS Safe & Effective Pain Control after Surgery Education Sheet](#)
- Review opioid medication for risk of inducing delirium

EXPERIENCE WITH PAIN MEDICATION

Does the patient have a history of chronic (three months or longer) opioid use?

Yes No

If YES:

- Consider pain service referral prior, during, and after hospitalization

ASSESSMENT FOR UNUSED PAIN MEDICATIONS

Is the patient expected to use opioid medication after discharge from the hospital or surgical center?

Yes No

If YES:

- Review tapering process
- Provide information about safe disposal and/or safe return of unused opioids

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