

## CFPC ePanel #04, 2015

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Recent reports in the media have indicated an increase in the number of fentanyl-related deaths. This is the latest evidence of significant public health and societal problems related to how opioids are used and made available in our communities. Some are suggesting that education about opioid prescribing should be made mandatory for family physicians. We are interested to learn more about if/how you prescribe opioids and what resources may support you with this important issue.

### Do you prescribe opioids to adults?

- Yes
- No

### Why don't you prescribe opioids?

(Please check all that apply.)

- My practice does not involve treating pain in adults
- I am part of a group practice in which there is no prescribing of opioids
- I consider the risks of opioid prescribing outweigh the benefits
- Restrictions on my licence to practice prohibit my prescribing opioids
- Other, please specify... \_\_\_\_\_

### In a typical week in your practice, what proportion of patients would present with pain severe enough for prescribing of opioids to be considered?

- 0%
- 1% to 10%
- 11% to 20%
- 21% to 49%
- 50% to 79%
- More than 80%

### What top 3 factors influence your decision to prescribe opioids for a patient?

(Please rank order your top three)

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3
Patient preference/request	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Previous prescribing by other physicians for the patient	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your comfort and knowledge about therapeutic options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of other, non-opioid options for treatment of pain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Collaborative discussion with the patient	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Patient's current analgesic use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Patient's previous analgesic experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reported severity of pain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reported chronicity or duration of pain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cause of pain (e.g. cancer vs. non-malignant)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concurrent conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other – Please specify bellow	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### Please specify other factor:

### What resources would help you to prescribe opioids effectively?

(Please check all that apply.)

- Dedicated Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Up-to-date guides for my reference
- Electronic tools that can assist the decision-making in real time
- Solid mechanisms for connecting with other health care providers such as addiction specialists and pain management specialists for assistance
- Other, please specify... \_\_\_\_\_
- Nothing – I am very comfortable prescribing opioids

**To what extent do you believe that prescribing of opioids by family physicians is a significant contributor to the problems we now see with misuse and/or abuse of these drugs in our communities?**

- Very significant
- Somewhat significant
- Not significant

**Would you support mandatory CPD on appropriate prescribing of opioids?**

- Yes
- No

**Please explain why you would support mandatory CPD on appropriate prescribing of opioids?**

**Please explain why you would not support mandatory CPD on appropriate prescribing of opioids?**

**Is there anything else you would like to share with us with respect to this issue?**