Memorial Hermann Pain Management Standards
The Joint Commission 2018 Revised Standards
Related to Pain Management

Joint Commission Standard | Elements of Performance (LD.04.03.13)
Pain assessment and pain management, including safe opioid prescribing, are identified as an organizational priority for the hospital.

Physician Knowledge/Actions
- Under the Clinical Programs Committee (CPC) structure, Memorial Hermann Health System has identified the PRN Pain Taskforce as the System-wide leadership committee to address pain management and safe opioid prescribing practices. Under the guidance of this committee, the Chronic Pain Workgroup will address specific issues related to chronic and long-term opioid use.

- Guideline related to non-pharmacological pain treatment modalities are currently established in each facilities “Pain Assessment and Management” procedure document, accessible on Memorial Hermann’s intranet, OneSource, under the Policies tab in the top navigational bar.

- Pain Management Continuing Medical Education (CME) modules specific to opioid prescribing are available on the following webpages:
  - https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/training/overview/index.html
  - https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/training-resources/opioid-courses

- Confirm you have access to Texas PMPAware (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Database) by logging in and/or registering at https://texas.pmpaware.net/login

- Check the Texas PMPAware website BEFORE writing any narcotic prescription and assessing patient for risk for opioid/benzodiazepine abuse.

Joint Commission Standard | Medical Staff Expectations (MS.05.01.01)
The organized medical staff has a leadership role in organization performance improvement activities to improve quality of care, treatment and services and patient safety.

Physician Knowledge/Actions
- Together, the PRN Pain Taskforce and the Chronic Pain Workgroup make up the leadership committee that oversees Memorial Hermann Policies, Procedures and Guidelines for pain management and safe opioid prescribing practices.

- The same committee also oversees the development and monitoring of quality metrics and performance improvement activities. The quality data will be reported up through the Memorial Hermann Health System Board of Directors’ System Quality Committee.
Joint Commission Standard | Provisions of Care Expectations (PC.01.02.07)

The hospital assesses and manages the patient’s pain and minimizes the risks associated with treatment.

**Physician Knowledge/Actions**

- Evidence based treatment plans are currently available to all physicians by utilizing the Acute Pain Management Medical Power Plan (MPP) and/or the Chronic Pain Management MPP.

- **Criteria to screen, assess and reassess pain** are currently established in each facilities “Pain Assessment and Management” procedure document, accessible on Memorial Hermann’s intranet, OneSource, under the Policies tab in the top navigational bar.

- **Patient education** 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”.