



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".