

NARCOTIC ANALGESICS
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1 Subpart 3. Narcotic Analgesics. Narcotic analgesics include codeine, hydrocodone, levorphanol,
2 methadone, morphine, and oxycodone.

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4 A. Oral narcotic analgesics are indicated for the treatment of acute and chronic pain that has been
5 inadequately relieved by non-narcotic medications. Oral narcotic analgesics must be prescribed at
6 the lowest clinically effective dose.

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8 (1) When an oral narcotic analgesic is used, treatment must begin with one of the
9 following: generic codeine, generic hydrocodone, generic oxycodone, or generic
10 morphine.

11 (2) Other generic narcotic analgesics are not indicated for oral use unless a one week trial
12 of each of codeine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, and morphine have been ineffective in
13 reducing the patient's pain by at least 50%. - standard definition

14 (3) Generically available combinations of an oral narcotic and a non-narcotic analgesic
15 may be prescribed instead of an oral narcotic analgesic alone.

16 (4) Brand name oral narcotic analgesics and brand name combinations of an oral narcotic
17 analgesic and a non-narcotic analgesic are not indicated.

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19 B. A course of oral narcotic analgesics or combination of an oral narcotic and a non-narcotic
20 analgesic is limited as provided in subitems 1, 2 and 3.

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22 (1) Oral narcotic analgesics prescribed within the first four weeks after the date of injury
23 are limited to no more than 2 weeks worth of medication per prescription.

24 (2) Oral narcotic analgesics prescribed more than 4 weeks after the date of injury may not
25 be for more than one month worth of medication per prescription.

26 (3) Treatment with narcotic analgesics for more than three consecutive months must
27 conform to the rules in part 5221.6600 subpart 3.

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29 C. Meperidine is not indicated in the treatment of acute or chronic pain.

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31 D. Transcutaneous narcotic analgesics are only indicated in patients with a documented disorder
32 that prevents adequate oral dosing.