

PATIENT SAFETY AND MEDICATION

A critical component of ensuring patient safety is conducting a risk-benefit analysis when considering pain medication.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS

IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES

- + Improved pain relief, which can allow for other treatment modalities (e.g., physical therapy)
- + Healthy sleep
- + Mental/emotional well-being

IMPROVED ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

- + Preparing meals
- + Dressing
- + Bathing

QUALITY OF LIFE

- + Family and social relationships
- + Time for recreation

IMPROVED FUNCTION

- + Mobility
- + Return to work
- + Community engagement

Is this right for me?

POTENTIAL RISKS

SIDE EFFECTS

- Nausea
- Constipation
- Drowsiness

COST AND COVERAGE

- Out-of-pocket expenses
- Time away from work

POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE OR MISUSE

INDIVIDUALIZED
RISK-BENEFIT
ANALYSIS

MEDICATION SAFETY MEASURES



SAFE DRUG
DISPOSAL



POISON
CONTROL
CENTERS



SAFE DRUG
STORAGE

