



# Practice Guideline:

## Opioid Prescribing (2017)

**Practice Guidelines** are recommendations developed by the College with which members should be familiar and follow whenever and wherever possible and appropriate.

## Opioid Prescribing

### Preamble

The College expects physicians to prescribe opioid medications in a manner which is safe and effective. The College recognizes the *2017 Canadian Guidelines for Opioids for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain* as the current best practice for physicians in Newfoundland and Labrador. These guidelines can assist physicians in making practice decisions about the safe and effective use of opioids for chronic non-cancer pain management.

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Physicians should follow the recommendations outlined in the *2017 Canadian Guidelines for Opioids for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain*.

## Acknowledgements & References

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