

INITIATION AND ASSESSMENT OF PHARMACY  
MANAGED POST-OP PAIN UNDER A  
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Post-op pain is an expected outcome of surgery, yet evidence shows that post-op pain remains suboptimally treated. Uncontrolled pain influences not only the quality of life of the patient but also increases economic burden. In response to these reports, a retrospective audit was conducted at a 400-bed, private, nonprofit tertiary hospital to assess the effectiveness of post-op pain management. The audit revealed opportunities to improve pain control in general non-ICU post-op patients. The primary objective of this project was to create, implement, and evaluate a pharmacy collaborative practice therapy agreement for post-op pain management. The protocol goals included standardizing post-op pain management, improving pain control and providing a directional pain management protocol. The effectiveness of the collaborative practice agreement was evaluated in a pilot study between January to March of 2009. Primary endpoints included length of stay, average pain score, number of pain scores greater than 4/10, and naloxone administered for oversedation. Secondary endpoints included around the clock (ATC) opioid use and number of assessments per day of hospital stay. Results will be presented.