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On March 14, 2019, the revised *Guidelines for Prescribing and Dispensing Opioids* were adopted by all six of Colorado's prescribing and dispensing Boards: the Colorado Dental Board, the Colorado Medical Board, the State Board of Nursing, the State Board of Optometry, the Colorado Podiatry Board, and the State Board of Pharmacy, and endorsed by the State Board of Veterinary Medicine.

This information can be found at:

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/faq/prescriptions.htm#rx-2>

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/opioid_guidelines

or

www.fawks.com

Guidelines for Schedule II controlled drug prescriptions

A prescription for a controlled substance must include the following information:

- Date of issue;
- Patient's name and address;
- Practitioner's name, address, and DEA registration number;
- Drug name;
- Drug strength;
- Dosage form;
- Quantity prescribed;
- Directions for use;
- Manual signature of prescriber.

A prescription must be written in ink or indelible pencil or typewritten and must be manually signed by the practitioner. Prescriptions for schedule II controlled substances must be written and be signed by the practitioner.

Opiate prescriptions for post-surgery patients should include:

- Wording to include "for post-surgery pain"
- Limit to seven day quantity
 - Can get another seven day supply if necessary after the first seven days
- Limit to 50 Morphine Mg Equivalents daily
 - Can increase to 90 MME if include wording to indicate patient will have pain necessary for the greater dose
 - Can write on prescription to not exceed the 50 or 90 MME per day. See number of tabs below
 - **Morphine Mg Equivalents**
 - Hydrocodone 50 mg = 50 MME Ten 5 mg tabs, five 10 mg tabs
 - Oxycodone 34 mg = 51 MME Six 5 mg tabs, three 10 mg tabs
 - Hydromorphone 12 mg = 48 MME Three 4 mg tablets