

SAFE PRESCRIBER PLEDGE FOR SHORT TERM PRESCRIBERS

The Safe Prescriber Pledge (SPP) is a project of the Opioid Education and Awareness Task Force. Medical professionals who sign the Pledge are supporting the public health of the region by adopting practices that ensure safe prescribing practices of potentially addictive medications.

In order to better protect the public health of the region, I agree to take the following steps in my practice:

- Make proactive use of the Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)
- Communicate to the primary care provider if short-term pain management is likely to become longer term.
- Recognize that not all pain presentations require opioid pain medicine. A step-wise approach to pain management is necessary.
- Limit prescriptions to a reasonable amount of medicine for injury or illness.
- Educate patients on managing their medicines appropriately to avoid diversion, risk of theft, or accidental overdose to themselves or others. Lost or stolen prescriptions are not refilled.
- Learn to recognize symptoms of addiction and substance abuse disorder in patients and direct them to appropriate treatment for their disease.

This pledge is signed by :

Signature

Name

Practice

Date