

SAFE PRESCRIBER PLEDGE

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)
- Utilize Patient/Provider Agreements for all patients receiving chronic opioid prescriptions
- Apply risk stratification tools to improve care of the patient and reduce risk of harm.
- Recognize that not all pain presentations require opioid pain medicine. A step-wise approach to pain management is necessary.
- Regularly assess patients with opioid prescriptions for well-being, improvement in function, and untoward side effects including sedation.
- Help ensure patients are managing their medicines appropriately without diversion, risk of theft, or accidental overdose to themselves or others.
- Learn to recognize symptoms of addiction and substance abuse disorder in patients and direct them to appropriate treatment for their disease. Recognize that continued opioid prescriptions are not appropriate treatment for opioid addiction.

This pledge is signed by

Signature

Name

Practice

Date