

MORNING CMO REPORT

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New Legislation Enacted to Limit Initial Opioid Prescribing to a 7 Day Supply for Acute Pain

Applies to All Physicians

TO FURTHER REDUCE OVERPRESCRIBING OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS, EFFECTIVE JULY 22, 2016, INITIAL OPIOID PRESCRIBING FOR ACUTE PAIN IS LIMITED TO A 7 DAY SUPPLY.

A practitioner may not initially prescribe more than a 7-day supply of an opioid medication for acute pain. Acute pain is defined as pain, whether resulting from disease, accidental or intentional trauma, or other cause, that the practitioner reasonably expects to last only a short period of time. This rule SHALL NOT include prescribing for chronic pain, pain being treated as a part of cancer care, hospice or other end-of-life care, or pain being treated as part of palliative care practices. Upon any subsequent consultations for the same pain, the practitioner may issue, in accordance with existing rules and regulations, any appropriate renewal, refill, or new prescription for an opioid."

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2016/2016-07.htm#opioid

It is an expectation that all Upstate providers comply with the above regulation, and that no patient shall be discharged with an opioid supply of >7 days for acute/post-operative pain. I appreciate everyone's attention to this, and the many other pressing opioid-related matters we are working to address. Combating the opioid epidemic starts with a reduction in the opioid supply, and this is a critical step to get all our providers to comply with the 7-day rule.

Just a final reminder...ALL physicians who want to maintain their DEA license must complete the State-mandated education program by the end of this month.

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Outstanding Physician Comments

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Each week we receive written comments from our patients regarding the care we provide within the Hospital. Below are this week's comments from grateful patients receiving care on the units and clinics at Upstate:

6th Floor @ CC – Dr. Khan was amazing & so nice.

Emergency Department @ CC - Dr. Andonian was fantastic to me!

Dr. Ciaccio was wonderful in every way a doc could be. He even called me at home to offer me additional information important for me to follow up on. His bedside is a "10!"

Dr. Nimeh was phenomenal. I loved how he was with both my daughter and myself. Very impressed with him and would be thrilled if we have to return there if he was there.

Dr. Andonian and his attending nurse. Please tell them for me how impressed I was with their professionalism, and caring manner.

Dr Creamer was awesome.

7A - Dr. Tallerico is an exceptional doctor, person and very friendly. Ever since I've been seeing him at Upstate Orthopedics he's been amazing. I'd recommend him to anyone. He also explained my procedure and made sure he'd take excellent care of me, and he did.

Dr. Setter was great.

Dr. McGinn, anesthesia, was excellent. He explained everything and made me feel at ease.

9G - Dr. Rahul Chandak was fantastic!!

8F - Dr. Chaudhuri (cardiologist) is EXCELLENT!

Outpatient Oncology – Dr. Michael LaCombe and all the staff at The Hill Radiology Dept. were phenomenal!!!!

Medicine Subspecialties- Dr Kato is an excellent doctor and spends an appropriate time with each patient and I really appreciate this and find his approach very commendable.

Dr Kato is an asset in every way to University Hospital. He is very knowledgeable and listens attentively. He shows great concern for my well being.

Dr Kato always impresses me with his tact and being able to advise me about my health issues.

University Center for Vision Care - I found Dr. Fechtner very friendly but professional.

Dr. Swan is very caring and explains in terms a person can understand.

Adult Medicine - Dr. Matli is a very passionate doctor.

University Cardiology - Dr. Carhart is an excellent physician and he has my complete confidence.

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Dr. Singh not only shows concern for my physical being but is extremely intuitive about my mental and emotional well being. he is always well prepared about my issues prior to my exams and is clear and concise in his communication. extremely professional.

Dr. Carhart is very nice and tells me like it is. And I respect him greatly for it.

Dr. Liu is very caring & very professional.

University Internists – Dr. Frechette is a wonderful dr. He makes you feel so much better after even speaking with him.

My whole family is totally impressed with **Dr. Frechette!**

I could not say enough good things about **Dr. Frechette**; very professional, informative, and helpful!

Dr. Krenzer has been my provider for several decades. She has been an intelligent, caring & respectful provider.

Dr. Krenzer has been my primary for several years. She continues to be outstanding totally. Additionally, her referrals to specialists re: treatment have also been outstanding.

Dr. Suman Swarnkar is the most patient & caring dr. I have had so far in my life. I trust her with my life.

Dr. Lubna Wani - is my doctor, and she is excellent!

Family Medicine – Dr. Nanavati is an exceptional care provider: He establishes a communication which is not just medical, but immediately personal & therapeutic in the widest sense.

Dr. Nanavati is amazing. He doesn't rush through the appointment; he takes the time needed to discuss/decide the next step in treatment.

The care provided by **Dr. Nanavati** has made a good practice exceptional!

Dr Greenwald was very caring. He listened well to my concerns. I felt he understood my problem, and he answered my questions to my satisfaction. I did not feel rushed, and I felt his examination was thorough.

UHCC Neurology - Dr. Jubelt is so easy to talk with, and he explains things so I can understand.

University Geriatricians – Dr. Berg is thoughtful and caring and makes you feel that her attention is focused on you while she is with you.

Pediatric Urology - Dr. Riddell was awesome!

Joslin - Dr Weinstock is the provides the best care I have ever received!!!

I love **Dr. Feuerstein!** I have been seeing her for about 20 years, and I feel very confident going to her for my yearly check-up.

Dr. Dhaliwal is probably the greatest asset to Upstate of course being trained by Dr. Moses is part of it. That being said her empathy for her patients is real & appreciated.

Dr Khokhar. She has a wonderful bedside manner and makes my son feel at ease during his visits.

Dr Weinstock always impresses me with her knowledge, care and concern for my well being.

Dr. Dhaliwal, she is an angel!

Surgery UH - Dr. Shaw - kind, loving & very approachable.

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Surgery Harrison Center – Dr. M. Constanza/Dr. Lui/Dr. Smalls - Their care, concern and attentiveness to my health issues are very greatly appreciated.

Center for Children’s Surgery – Dr Mason - he is wonderful. Truly cares about his patients and their families. He is a great educator also.

Love **Dr Kanter** and anesthesiologist (**Dr Resti**)

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