

<p><i>Include these questions in your discussion.</i></p>	<p>Debriefing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did that feel for you? What went well? Where did you feel stuck? • How might socioeconomic, cultural and racial factors impact the way that clinicians assess pain and prescribe medications? • How did your inquiry about the patient’s personal story (his father’s cancer pain, his co-worker’s addiction) affect your relationship and your plan of care? <p>You may not make it through all elements of the case – this is ok: use this experience to emphasize that the case is difficult and may require more time or multiple visits. You may also finish early. If so, please use that time to share your personal experiences or discuss the key points in more detail.</p>
<p><i>Ask each learner to read a key point aloud.</i></p>	<p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple ED studies show Black and Latino patients are less likely to receive prescriptions for opiate medications for certain conditions. www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27501459. For Black patients in particular this includes treatment of back and abdominal pain, but not kidney stone, toothache or long bone fracture. • Comprehensive pain assessment includes cardinal 7 features, past and current treatments, and impact on functioning and quality of life. • Patients of color, particularly men may not be comfortable expressing frustration or anger with the medical system given historic maltreatment of men of color (dating back to the Tuskegee experiments) and ongoing societal bias in the US. An opioid epidemic has ravaged minority communities for years and is receiving more attention now that impact has increased in majority communities, which highlights disparities in healthcare. • Systems-based practice for prescribing opiates includes informed consent, patient-provider agreements, counseling regarding risks/benefits/side effects, and safe storage and disposal of unused medications. • SAFE prescribing does not mean NO prescribing. (Pain Medicine 2016; 17:2153-2154) Expectations of duration of prescription should be discussed with initial prescription.