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Other Opioid Analgesic Concerns

Aside from medical issues related to opioid analgesics, there are nonmedical issues that may have an impact on prescribing patterns and patient use of these drugs. Practitioners are often concerned about prescribing opioid analgesics due to potential legal issues and question of addiction.[15,16] By the same token, patients report similar concerns about developing an addiction to opioid analgesics.[17] While these concerns are not without some merit, it would appear that they are often overestimated. According to clinical opinion polls, true addiction occurs only in a small percentage of patients with chronic pain who receive chronic opioid analgesics analgesic therapy.[18]

Conclusion

To date, no agents have fully replaced opioid analgesics for the treatment of moderate to severe pain. While many patients and physicians have concerns about the use of opioid analgesics, which often prevent their use, it would appear that, with appropriate dosing and titration, they can be effective and