

# Pain Assessment and Documentation Tool

## Introduction

The Pain Assessment and Documentation Tool (PADT) is a two-sided chart note designed to be easily included in a patient's medical record and to facilitate ongoing evaluation of patient pain and documentation of pain management. The PADT is intended to be administered by a clinician and includes sections to assess pain-related outcomes in four areas: analgesia, activities of daily living, adverse events (i.e., side effects), and aberrant drug-related behavior.

## Progress Note

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Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Record #: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Stamp Here

Assessment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Current Analgesic Regimen

Drug Name	Strength (eg, mg)	Frequency	Maximum Total Daily Dose

The PADT is a clinician-directed interview; that is, the clinician asks the questions, and the clinician records the responses. The Analgesia, Activities of Daily Living, and Adverse Events sections may be completed by the physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or nurse. The Potential Aberrant Drug-Related Behavior and Assessment sections must be completed by the physician. Ask the patient the questions below, except as noted.

#### Analgesia

If zero indicates "no pain" and ten indicates "pain as bad as it can be," on a scale of 0 to 10, what is your level of pain for the following questions?

1. What was your pain level on average during the past week? (Please circle the appropriate number)

No Pain 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Pain as bad as it can be

2. What was your pain level at its worst during the past week?

No Pain 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Pain as bad as it can be

3. What percentage of your pain has been relieved during the past week? (Write in a percentage between 0% and 100%.)

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4. Is the amount of pain relief you are now obtaining from your current pain reliever(s) enough to make a real difference in your life?

Yes       No

5. Query to clinician: Is the patient's pain relief clinically significant?

Yes       No       Unsure

#### Activities of Daily Living

Please indicate whether the patient's functioning with the current pain reliever(s) is Better, the Same, or Worse since the patient's last assessment with the PADT.\* (Please check the box for Better, Same, or Worse for each item below.)

	Better	Same	Worse
1. Physical functioning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Family relationships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Social relationships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Mood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Sleep patterns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Overall functioning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*If the patient is receiving his or her first PADT assessment, the clinician should compare the patient's functional status with other reports from the last office visit.

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#### Adverse Events

1. Is patient experiencing any side effects from current pain reliever?  Yes  No

Ask patient about potential side effects:

	None	Mild	Moderate	Severe
a. Nausea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Constipation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Itching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Mental cloudiness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Sweating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Fatigue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Drowsiness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Potential Aberrant Drug-Related Behavior

This section must be completed by the physician

*Please check any of the following items that you discovered during your interactions with the patient. Please note that some of these are directly observable (eg, appears intoxicated), while others may require more active listening and/or probing. Use the "Assessment" section below to note additional details.*

- Purposeful over-sedation
- Negative mood change
- Appears intoxicated
- Increasingly unkempt or impaired
- Involvement in car or other accident
- Requests frequent early renewals
- Increased dose without authorization
- Reports lost or stolen prescriptions
- Attempts to obtain prescriptions from other doctors
- Changes route of administration
- Uses pain medication in response to situational stressor
- Insists on certain medications by name
- Contact with street drug culture
- Abusing alcohol or illicit drugs
- Hoarding (ie, stockpiling) of medication
- Arrested by police
- Victim of abuse
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Patient's overall severity of side effects?

None  Mild  Moderate  Severe

Assessment: (This section must be completed by the physician.)

Is your overall impression that this patient is benefiting (eg, benefits, such as pain relief, outweigh side effects) from opioid therapy?  Yes  No  Unsure

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Specific Analgesic Plan:

- Continue present regimen
- Adjust dose of present analgesic
- Switch analgesics
- Add/Adjust concomitant therapy
- Discontinue/taper off opioid therapy

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_