

Management of Chronic Noncancer Pain by VA Primary Care Providers

■ Appendix. Provider Satisfaction With Ability to Care for Patients With Chronic Pain

Care Issue	No. (%)		P
	VAMC (n = 164)*	CBOC (n = 107)*	
Getting Schedule II opioid medications to patients who take opioids routinely			.47
Mostly dissatisfied	9 (6)	5 (5)	
2	26 (16)	14 (13)	
3	39 (24)	19 (18)	
4	45 (28)	40 (38)	
Mostly satisfied	44 (27)	29 (27)	
Medications available on formulary for treating chronic pain			.54
Mostly dissatisfied	12 (7)	7 (7)	
2	22 (13)	20 (19)	
3	44 (27)	21 (20)	
4	44 (27)	33 (31)	
Mostly satisfied	42 (26)	25 (24)	
Quality of care they are able to provide for chronic pain			.99
Mostly dissatisfied	11 (7)	6 (6)	
2	32 (20)	22 (21)	
3	60 (37)	39 (36)	
4	49 (30)	31 (29)	
Mostly satisfied	12 (7)	9 (8)	
Length of time available during office visit to meet with patients with chronic pain			.75
Mostly dissatisfied	24 (15)	20 (19)	
2	39 (24)	25 (24)	
3	37 (23)	25 (24)	
4	36 (22)	17 (16)	
Mostly satisfied	28 (17)	19 (18)	
Availability of other staff to follow up and adjust pain medications			.39
Mostly dissatisfied	50 (31)	42 (39)	
2	54 (33)	28 (26)	
3	33 (20)	22 (21)	
4	14 (9)	5 (5)	
Mostly satisfied	12 (7)	10 (9)	
Ease of obtaining pain specialty consultation			.54
Mostly dissatisfied	67 (41)	47 (44)	
2	42 (26)	34 (32)	
3	24 (15)	10 (9)	
4	24 (15)	12 (11)	
Mostly satisfied	7 (4)	4 (5)	

*Numbers vary slightly due to nonresponse to items. Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.
VAMC indicates VA medical center; CBOC, community-based outpatient clinic.