Resolution: Guideline for Patient Discussion Regarding Vehicle Operation When Prescribing Controlled Substances for Pain

Adopted May 16, 2018

The Board hereby makes the following recommendation to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses when prescribing controlled substances for pain. It is recommended that the prescriber and health care providers licensed by the Board discuss with the patient the effect the patient’s medical condition and medication use may have on the patient’s ability to safely operate a vehicle in any mode of transportation. This recommendation is consistent with the National Transportation Safety Board Safety Recommendation, I-14-1 and 2 (2014).