

Week 2

(Determining when to initiate and continue opioids for chronic pain)

Jane Smith is 67 years old, PMH include HTN, atherosclerosis, DJD/OA, complaints of chronic pain which has been treated with Acetaminophen, NSAIDs, and physical therapy. Ms. Smith continues to complain of pain without any relief from current treatment. Opioid therapy is being considered for pain control treatment. Before starting, what should the clinician consider for this patient. (Select all that apply)

- A.) Start an ER opioid for better pain control.
- B.) Establishing realist goals for pain and function along with how opioid therapy will be discontinued if risks has outweighed its benefits with patient.
- C.) Starting with a high dose opioid for pain control then lowering the dose once pain control is achieved.
- D.) Reevaluate the benefits and harm after 1-4 weeks after starting opioid therapy with patient.

- A.) (Starting with an IR instead of an ER so toxicity does not occur)
- B.) Correct
- C.) Start with a low dose
- D.) Correct