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ADA wants federal agencies to provide best practices for managing acute pain.

There's a difference between managing the pain that stems from a root canal and the pain that often accompanies long-term illness or disease.

That was the message in the Association's May 22 letter to the federal Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force, whose inaugural meeting is May 30-31 in Washington.

“ Federal efforts have also not sufficiently addressed best practices for managing postoperative dental pain, which is more nuanced than managing pain in medical settings. ”

ADA highlighted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain and Food and Drug Administration's Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy for Extended Release and Long-Acting Opioid Analgesics as examples of federal agencies only addressing chronic pain.

“ While long-acting opioids can be useful in managing chronic pain, there is rarely, if ever, a need to manage chronic pain following a one-time dental surgery. ”

Authorized by a 2016 law, the Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force was created to propose updates to best practices and issue recommendations to address gaps or inconsistencies for managing chronic and acute pain.

Reference

1. ADA wants federal agencies to provide best practices for managing acute pain, May 23, 2018 Issue.

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