

# Asking for an increase in opioid dose

(i.e., demanding or repeatedly asking)



## RECOMMENDED

- Assess why patient is asking for increase in opioid dose (e.g., acute trauma, ineffective analgesia, hyperalgesia, etc.)
- Discuss or refer for non-opioid therapies (e.g., non-opioid pharmacologic therapies, non-pharmacologic therapies)
- Refer to a pain specialist



## CONSIDER

Rotate to new opioid at lower daily dose  
or change dosing schedule  
(e.g., before activity or before bedtime)  
maintaining same total daily dose

Dose  $\leq$  100 morphine milligram  
equivalents per day

Dose  $>$  100 morphine milligram  
equivalents per day



## CONSIDER

Increase dose



## NOT RECOMMENDED

Increase dose