

PATIENT RED FLAG CHECKLIST



Be the trusted
resource patients
need you to be.
Know the red flags
to watch for when
dispensing opioids.



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Red Flags

Are you about to fill
a prescription for opioids?

Pay special attention to whether
any of the following apply to
those receiving this prescription:

- Known respiratory disorder,
e.g., COPD, asthma
- History of smoking
- Renal dysfunction or hepatic
disease
- Prescription for:
 - Benzodiazepine
 - SSRI or TCA antidepressant
 - High dose of opioid (higher
than 50 mg morphine daily)
- Receiving methadone, Suboxone®
or Vivitrol®
- Never been prescribed opioids

**If any of these apply, this patient
may also need naloxone.**

