



Careful assessment and treatment of acute pain, which may include appropriate opioid prescribing, can decrease the risk of acute pain transitioning to chronic pain and the possible development of opioid dependency and abuse.

As the primary point of contact for pre- and post-operative patients, CRNAs are doing their part to end the opioid crisis by utilizing a holistic, patient-centric approach to pain management and opioid prescription, offering patients greater transparency, understanding and engagement in their care. The AANA is committed to working with the members of the Action Collaborative to put an end to the opioid epidemic.