

Common Patient Questions/Statements and Potential Responses

Question/Statement	Potential Response
1. "I just want to be out of pain. Then I can exercise, go back to work, do chores."	
2. "My friend is on gabapentin and oxycodone. Can I have this for my low back strain?"	
3. "I tried everything else for my knee arthritis but nothing else worked. I just want my hydromorphone 8 mg four times daily refilled—that's all that helps." (MEDD 180 mgs)	
4. "Why are you asking about my smoking? What does my father's alcohol use have to do with anything? Substance use helps me cope with pain, so why should I consider cutting back?"	
5. "If you don't give me what I ask for, I'll buy it from a dealer, and if I overdose, it is on you."	
6. "Why are you only giving me buprenorphine and methadone as choices when I have real pain that started my addiction?"	
7. Other?	
8. Other?	