



Category 1: Physical and Emotional

MANDATORY

1.6 All surgical patients are provided with pain management

- Job Level (who should be able to perform the task):
 - o Veterinarian
- Skills Required:
 - o Ability to select and administer pain management medication

Equipment and Supplies

- A variety of analgesics to allow for multi-modal pain management

Examples and Compliance Paths

- Prior to all surgeries, pain management medication is administered to all patients
- Practice follows the AAHA/AAFP Pain Management Guidelines
- Practice utilizes a multi-modal approach to pain management
- Resources, like the package insert (PI), are readily available that address indications for, potential side effects, and potential drug interaction of medications utilized for pain management
- Pain assessment using a standardized scale or scoring system is recorded following all surgical procedures
- Clients are advised on indications for, potential side effects, and potential drug interactions of any prescribed pain management medications

Scoring

Review medical records and/or observation of:

- Administration of pain management medication prior to all surgeries
- Use of multi-modal approach to pain management
- Pain assessment, using a standardized scale, is recorded following all surgical procedures
- Availability of PI information for all pain management medications
- Availability and use of client handouts detailing indications for, potential side effects, and potential drug interactions of any prescribed pain management medications