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The Canadian Pain Society commits to:

Supporting the activities of the Joint Action Plan by acting as a content resource (about pain and its management) to government and partners who are working to reduce harms caused by opioids.

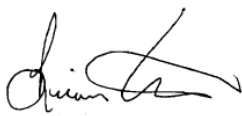
Working with the Joint Action Plan members to assure that any strategy that aims to prevent diversion or misuse of opioid analgesics will contain measures to assure that they remain available to those patients who require them for appropriate medical use, and that these individuals are treated compassionately.

Continuing to emphasize the need for better education for health professionals and patients about appropriate pain care and safe use of opioid analgesics for the treatment of pain.

Continuing to emphasize the need for better inter-professional multimodal treatment for patients with pain (e.g. physiotherapy, psychotherapy), which may not only reduce opioid requirements, but also potentially mitigate pain and suffering.



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The CPS is a society of scientists and health professionals who have a vested interest in pain research and management. As a chapter of the IASP, the CPS supports the treatment of pain as a basic human right and is currently advocating for a Canadian National Pain Strategy.