

## PATIENT RISK ASSESSMENT

**In addition to other requirements (see A474, the White Paper, and/or the Chart for further information regarding these requirements, all of which are available on the Board of Dental Examiners' website), AB474 requires the prescriber to complete a Patient Risk Assessment prior to an initial prescription of controlled substances for the treatment of pain. Pursuant to AB474, section 54(1), a Patient Risk Assessment consists of the following:**

1. Obtaining and reviewing patient medical history;
2. Conducting a physical exam of the patient;
3. Making a good faith effort to obtain and review the medical records of the patient from any other provider of health care who has provided care to the patient;
4. Documenting efforts to obtain medical records and the conclusions from reviewing the records;
5. Completing an assessment of the mental health and risk of abuse, dependency and addiction of the patient using methods supported by peer reviewed scientific research and validated by a nationally recognized organization.

**See <https://www.drugabuse.gov/sites/default/files/files/OpioidRiskTool.pdf> for a SAMPLE Opioid Risk Assessment Tool. This is a sample for prescribers' use as they deem appropriate, but it is each prescriber's responsibility to ensure proper compliance with AB474. The Board does not endorse any risk assessment method or tool.**