Health Law And Policy: A Survival Guide To Medicolegal Issues For Practitioners

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This has prompted calls for practitioners to re-examine the goals of opioid therapy in patients. In addition to medicolegal considerations, all prescribers should consider and balance what is in the best interests of their patient (see Fig.). Opioids, which may have a role to play in some patients' management, should be prescribed in accordance with established guidelines and good clinical practice. In order to prescribe opioids safely, effectively, responsibly and lawfully, we recommend that GPs address a number of sequential questions. Fig. Guide to the steps required to lawfully prescribe opioids. Are opioids an appropriate choice? Practitioners, educators, and other workers in public health can play powerful roles in preventing war itself, as well as mitigating the public health consequences of war. Problem Statement and Evidence War has profound public health consequences, and it is an entirely preventable source of some of the world's worst public health catastrophes. In addition, emergency situations call for a radical readjustment in the approach to health care provision and survival support that goes beyond standard health care infrastructure. Vulnerable populations—the very young and very old, women, and those ill or disabled—experience a multifold risk of morbidity and mortality.