

Unit IV Essay

Opioid Use

Write a well-developed essay in which you discuss the positives and negatives surrounding opioid use. Provide examples and include the following:

- The advantages and disadvantages of the use of semisynthetic opioid analgesics (oxymorphone, hydrocodone, and oxycodone) as compared to the natural opioid analgesics (morphine, codeine, and opium tincture).
- The degrees of tolerance, dependence, and addiction potential between classes
- The analgesic capabilities between classes
- The degrees of potency between classes

Include the following elements in your essay:

- An introduction with an argumentative thesis statement
- Relevant detail and evidence to suppose the advantages/disadvantages
- At least two sources (one can be the textbook)
- A conclusion

Your essay should be approximately two pages in length (not including the cover and reference page.) Follow APA format and be sure to cite, and reference all outside sources that you used.

Information about accessing the Blackboard Grading Rubric for this assignment is provided below.