



**Oregon Chapter
American College of
Emergency Physicians**

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To: Chair Rob Nosse
Vice Chair Travis Nelson
Vice Chair Cyrus Javadi
Members of the House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee

From: Dr. Christian Smith, President OR-ACEP

RE: HB 3211, Non-opioid Directives

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Nelson and Javadi and members of the committee, please accept this statement for the record on behalf of OR-ACEP, the Oregon Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. OR-ACEP is a medical society that has represented physicians specializing in emergency medicine since 1971 and its members share a commitment to improve emergency healthcare for all Oregonians.

HB 3211 requires OHA to develop by rule a non-opioid directive form that indicates to health care providers and emergency medical services providers an individual who may not be administered or offered a prescription for an opioid. There are exceptions for hospital or emergency treatment. OR-ACEP opposes the bill as written.

We greatly support the ability for patients and their established providers to communicate with emergency medicine providers and others their wishes for any treatment including medications that would be inconsistent with their healthcare goals. The best way to do this is for the patient simply to tell their provider they don't want to be administered or prescribed opioids. This information can be included in the Emergency Department Information Exchange (EDIE). This is an existing system that would allow for any care plan to be uploaded and would be available at any Emergency Department.

For context, emergency medicine only prescribes about 6 or 7 percent of all opioids and they see the most acute pain and injuries that would be treated with opioids. Physicians have conversations with patients about what medications could be prescribed and whether they are their families are comfortable with the plan. The prescription in general would be a supply for 2-3 days.

We look forward to additional discussion to find ways we can better serve our patients and make sure we follow their medical wishes. Thank you.

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