



Buprenorphine for Chronic Pain, Not Full Agonist Opioids, New VA  
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Buprenorphine, rather than a full agonist opioid, should be used for patients taking daily opioids for chronic pain, given its lower risk for overdose or misuse, new guidelines from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Department of Defense (DoD) recommended.

But “the guideline development group does not recommend use of opioid analgesics in the daily management of chronic pain,” wrote James Sall, PhD, of the VA in New Braunfels, Texas, and co-authors in [Annals of Internal Medicine opens in a new tab or window](#).