



DRUGS ARE GOOD: SAY YES TO DRUGS

Clarifying the type of pain helps the physician to order the right medicine for faster relief.

Descriptions of pain that are *not* helpful to the prescribing physician are:

It hurts

I feel terrible, bad or awful

I don't feel good

I just don't feel good or right

I ache all over

Clarify the pain with the following questions:

Where is the location of the pain?

When did it start?

How long does it last?

What makes it worse? (An activity? Eating? Drinking? Moving in a specific way?)

What improves the pain? (A new or particular position perhaps?)

What is its intensity?

Describe the pain:

Sharp

Dull

Burning

Pressure

Stabbing

Achy

Throbbing

Severe

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