

Position Statement on Safe Prescribing

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APA Position:

1) The treatment with medication of patients with mental illness requires a foundation of medical education, training, supervision, and care of patients with a broad range and severity of medical problems. 2) The safety of patients and the public must be the primary consideration of each state's licensing agencies and legislature.

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