A critical component of ensuring patient safety is conducting a risk-benefit analysis when considering pain medication.

**POTENTIAL BENEFITS**

**IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES**
- Improved pain relief, which can allow for other treatment modalities (e.g., physical therapy)
- Healthy sleep
- Mental/emotional well-being

**IMPROVED ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING**
- Preparing meals
- Dressing
- Bathing

**QUALITY OF LIFE**
- Family and social relationships
- Time for recreation

**IMPROVED FUNCTION**
- Mobility
- Return to work
- Community engagement

**SIDE EFFECTS**
- Nausea
- Constipation
- Drowsiness

**COST AND COVERAGE**
- Out-of-pocket expenses
- Time away from work

**POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE OR MISUSE**

**MEDICATION SAFETY MEASURES**

- DEA NATIONAL SAFE DRUG TAKEBACK
- SAFE DRUG DISPOSAL
- POISON CONTROL CENTERS
- SAFE DRUG STORAGE

**INDIVIDUALIZED RISK-BENEFIT ANALYSIS**