Date:

Dear [Valued Patient],

Our clinic is diligently working towards the safer use of opioid medications with the Alberta Medical Association as part of the Primary Health Care Opioid Response Initiative.

Scientific evidence has shown that prescription opioids (examples: OxyNEO®, Dilaudid®, Tylenol 3®) may not be the best treatment option to manage long-term pain. All of our patients taking opioids will be invited to book an appointment at the clinic to discuss the pain treatment options available to them. The intent of this appointment is to create an individualized plan led by the patient making an educated choice about their pain management strategies that are safe and effective. Your opioid prescription will not be stopped suddenly, and any dose changes will be done very gradually. We welcome and encourage patients to bring a trusted family member or support person to this appointment.

We continue to honour our commitment to safe, high quality, individualized health care for every patient, and look forward to assisting with all your future health care needs.

If you are taking opioid pain medicines and you do not already have an appointment coming up, please contact our office so we can promptly reserve a special time for you.

Sincerely,

XYZ Clinic