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Dear Doctor,

Please find attached the 3 page Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) position statement on the prescription of slow-release opioids in the acute post-operative setting.

We suggest that practitioners read the document carefully and consider its recommendations prior to prescribing opioids or requesting ward residents to prescribe on their behalf.

Best Regards,

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