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Periodically the Pain & Policy Studies Group is asked, “What should a patient know about traveling abroad with prescribed opioid analgesics?” PPSG has placed on its website the answers provided by governments. See <http://www.medsch.wisc.edu/painpolicy/internat/travel.htm>

Patients need to consider two sets of law: 1) the law of the country they are in and 2) the law of the country or countries to which they are traveling. Links to two documents that explain the governmental requirements are provided: the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations and Guidelines from the International Narcotics Control Board.

Please consider forwarding this information to physicians, nurses, social workers and others who are involved in assisting patients to plan for travel.

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