

Q: What medications are subject to the 5- and 7-day limits on initial prescriptions for acute/post-operative pain imposed by the STOP Act?:

A: The limits apply ONLY to Schedule II and Schedule III opioids or narcotics listed in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-90(1), (2) and 90-91(d). The specific medications are listed below.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-90(1)

Any of the following substances whether produced directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule:

a. Opium and opiate, and any salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of opium and opiate, excluding apomorphine, nalbuphine, dextrorphan, naloxone, naltrexone and nalmefene, and their respective salts, but including the following:

1. Raw opium.
2. Opium extracts.
3. Opium fluid extracts.
4. Powdered opium.
5. Granulated opium.
6. Tincture of opium.
7. Codeine.
8. Ethylmorphine.
9. Etorphine hydrochloride.
10. Hydrocodone.
11. Hydromorphone.
12. Metopon.
13. Morphine.
14. Oxycodone.
15. Oxymorphone.

16. Thebaine.

17. Dihydroetorphine.

b. Any salt, compound, derivative, or preparation thereof which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of the substances referred to in paragraph 1 of this subdivision, except that these substances shall not include the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium.

c. Opium poppy and poppy straw.

d. Cocaine and any salt, isomer, salts of isomers, compound, derivative, or preparation thereof, or coca leaves and any salt, isomer, salts of isomers, compound, derivative, or preparation of coca leaves, or any salt, isomer, salts of isomers, compound, derivative, or preparation thereof which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of these substances, except that the substances shall not include decocanized coca leaves or extraction of coca leaves, which extractions do not contain cocaine or ecgonine.

e. Concentrate of poppy straw (the crude extract of poppy straw in either liquid, solid or powder form which contains the phenanthrine alkaloids of the opium poppy).

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-90(2)

Any of the following opiates, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation unless specifically exempted or listed in other schedules:

a. Alfentanil.

b. Alphaprodine.

c. Anileridine.

d. Bezitramide.

e. Carfentanil.

f. Dihydrocodeine.

g. Diphenoxylate.

h. Fentanyl.

i. Isomethadone.

j. Levo-alpha-acetylmethadol. Some trade or other names: levo-alpha-acetylmethadol, levomethadyl acetate, or LAAM.

- k. Levomethorphan.
- l. Levorphanol.
- m. Metazocine.
- n. Methadone.
- o. Methadone - Intermediate, 4-cyano-2-dimethylamino-4, 4/y- diphenyl butane.
- p. Moramide -Intermediate, 2-methyl-3-morpholino-1, 1-diphenyl-propane-carboxylic acid.
- q. Pethidine.
- r. Pethidine - Intermediate - A, 4-cyano-1-methyl-4/y-phenylpiperidine.
- s. Pethidine - Intermediate - B, ethyl-4-phenylpiperidine-4-carboxylate.
- t. Pethidine - Intermediate - C, 1-methyl-4-phenylpiperidine-4-carboxylic acid.
- u. Phenazocine.
- v. Piminodine.
- w. Racemethorphan.
- x. Racemorphan.
- y. Remifentanil.
- z. Sufentanil.
- aa. Tapentadol.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-91(d)

Any material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing limited quantities of any of the following narcotic drugs, or any salts thereof unless specifically exempted or listed in another schedule:

1. Not more than 1.80 grams of codeine per 100 milliliters or not more than 90 milligrams per dosage unit with an equal or greater quantity of an isoquinoline alkaloid of opium.
2. Not more than 1.80 grams of codeine per 100 milliliters or not more than 90 milligrams per dosage unit, with one or more active, nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts.

3. Not more than 300 milligrams of dihydrocodeinone per 100 milliliters or not more than 15 milligrams per dosage unit with a four-fold or greater quantity of an isoquinoline alkaloid of opium.
4. Not more than 300 milligrams of dihydrocodeinone per 100 milliliters or not more than 15 milligrams per dosage unit, with one or more active, nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts.
5. Not more than 1.80 grams of dihydrocodeine per 100 milliliters or not more than 90 milligrams per dosage unit, with one or more active, nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts.
6. Not more than 300 milligrams of ethylmorphine per 100 milliliters or not more than 15 milligrams per dosage unit, with one or more active, nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts.
7. Not more than 500 milligrams of opium per 100 milliliters or per 100 grams, or not more than 25 milligrams per dosage unit, with one or more active, nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts.
8. Not more than 50 milligrams of morphine per 100 milliliters or per 100 grams with one or more active, nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts.