

## 2016 Kansas Statutes

**65-4977. Persons suffering from pain; use of controlled substances for pain treatment.** (a) A person suffering from pain:

- (1) Should be an active participant in decisions about the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of their pain.
  - (2) May accept or reject the use of any or all diagnostic and therapeutic modalities which may be recommended to treat such person's pain.
  - (3) Should accurately, completely, and honestly report all symptoms and concerns to physicians and other health care professionals conducting assessment and treatment of such person's pain.
- (b) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent, restrict or limit a physician or other person authorized to prescribe drugs from prescribing, dispensing, administering, or distributing a controlled substance to a patient for the treatment of pain, when it is for a valid medical purpose and based on appropriate clinical indications.
- (c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to require a physician or other person authorized to prescribe drugs to prescribe, dispense, administer, or distribute a controlled substance to a patient for the treatment of pain if in the judgment of the prescriber the use of a controlled substance is not clinically indicated or the most appropriate therapeutic modality.

**History:** L. 2006, ch. 110, § 3; July 1.