



# Clinical Treatment Algorithms

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## West Virginia Safe & Effective Management of Pain (SEMP) Guidelines

	Nociceptive Pain	Neuropathic Pain	Mixed Pain
1 <sup>st</sup> Line	<p><b>Non-Pharmacological (Active &amp; Passive)</b></p> <p>APAP then +/-NSAID*</p> <p>Topical Agent (NSAID, Lidocaine, Capsaicin)</p>	<p><b>Non-Pharmacological (Active &amp; Passive)</b></p> <p>Acute Trial of NSAID*/APAP</p> <p>Add on Topical Agent (NSAID, Lidocaine, Capsaicin)</p> <p>Gabapentinoids**</p> <p>Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor (SNRI)</p> <p>Tricyclic Antidepressant (TCA)</p>	<p><b>Non-Pharmacological (Active &amp; Passive)</b></p> <p>Acute Trial of NSAID*/APAP</p> <p>Topical Agent (NSAID, Lidocaine, Capsaicin)</p>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Line	<p>Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor (SNRI)</p> <p>Tricyclic Antidepressant (TCA)</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class IV</p> <p><b>Consider Referral to Specialist</b></p>	<p>Anti-Epileptic Drugs (AEDs)</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class IV</p> <p><b>Consider Referral to Specialist</b></p>	<p>Gabapentinoids**</p> <p>Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor (SNRI)</p> <p>Tricyclic Antidepressant (TCA)</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class IV</p> <p><b>Consider Referral to Specialist</b></p>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Line	<p>Combination 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Agents</p> <p>Acute Add-On Muscle Relaxer**</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class III</p> <p>Interventional Therapy</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class II (IR)</p> <p><b>Referral to Specialist Needed</b></p>	<p>Combination 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Agents</p> <p>Acute Add-On Muscle Relaxer***</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class III</p> <p>Interventional Therapy</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class II (IR)</p> <p><b>Referral to Specialist Needed</b></p>	<p>Combination 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Agents</p> <p>Acute Add-On Muscle Relaxer***</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class III</p> <p>Interventional Therapy</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class II (IR)</p> <p><b>Referral to Specialist Needed</b></p>
4 <sup>th</sup> Line	<p>Spinal Cord/Dorsal Root Ganglion Stimulation</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class II (ER)</p> <p>Implantable/Intrathecal (IT) Morphine/Baclofen/Ziconotide</p> <p>Consider Clinical Trial</p>	<p>Spinal Cord/Dorsal Root Ganglion Stimulation</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class II (ER)</p> <p>Implantable/Intrathecal (IT) Morphine/Baclofen/Ziconotide</p> <p>Botox Injection****</p> <p>Consider Clinical Trial</p>	<p>Spinal Cord/Dorsal Root Ganglion Stimulation</p> <p>Controlled Substance Class II (ER)</p> <p>Implantable/Intrathecal (IT) Morphine/Baclofen/Ziconotide</p> <p>Consider Clinical Trial</p>