

## **Pain Management Checklist**

Bring your caregiver to meetings with your doctor about pain management
Ask your doctor for counseling on the potential dangers of medication
Create a "pain contract" with your doctor, which documents which pain medications you'll use, the risks associated, and other terms
Ask if a lower dosage is right for you
Ask if you should start with a shorter prescription or fewer pills
Ask about non opioid options
Ask about multimodal pain management – which includes a variety of pain treatments and uses fewer opioids