

## FAST FACTS

# Issues at Hand

- 1** Disease-related pain occurs in as many as 86% of patients with advanced cancer and 60% of patients receiving active treatment. Further, 26% to 35% of cancer survivors continue to experience cancer pain.
- 2** Opioid therapy remains standard for chronic cancer pain. However, a careful risk assessment is necessary before providers prescribe opioids to their patients.
- 3** Complementary and alternative therapies for pain relief are increasingly offered at cancer centers. Research showed certain approaches can be directed toward specific symptoms, suggesting they should be tailored to each individual.