**Can You Drink Alcohol while using Opioid Pain Medications?**

The simple answer is “no.” Alcohol depresses the nervous system. Opioid medications, also, depress the central nervous system. If you take both alcohol and opioid medications, you will be at risk of overdose. The combination of alcohol and opioid medications can slow your breathing and cause breathing obstruction and death.

Our urine drug testing is very sensitive. It can show evidence of alcohol use for a long time after the alcohol is consumed. If we find evidence of alcohol use and opioid use, we will discuss these results and ask you to explain. We may ask you to choose between using alcohol or opioid medications.

We are concerned about your safety:

**DON’T USE ALCOHOL AND OPIOID THERAPY.**

**THIS COMBINATION COULD BE LETHAL.**