Opioid-safe Pledge Certificates

Background
The Gaston Controlled Substances Coalition established this program to encourage prescribers – physicians, dentists, podiatrists, and advanced practice professionals – to follow opioid guidelines from CDC and to use the North Carolina Controlled Substances Reporting System (NC CSRS). Effective July 1, 2017, the Strengthen Opioid Misuse Prevention (STOP) Act, requires these practices.

When all prescribers in a practice sign this pledge, the practice will receive a framed certificate stating their intent to be an opioid-safe provider and to check the NC Drug Registry. By posting the certificate in their waiting rooms, we intend to deter drug shopping and facilitate conversations with patients about opioid use, misuse, and abuse. The Coalition will list all participating medical practices and prescribers on its webpage.

Pledge
I agree to:
1. Write prescriptions for opioids consistent with North Carolina Medical Board standards.
2. Screen for opioid disorders.
3. Help wean my patients, with chronic opioid disorders, from their current prescriptions.
4. Refer patients with chronic opioid disorders to behavioral health and addiction treatment services, as needed.
5. Check the NC CSRS before patient visits – or direct my staff to consult the NC CSRS on my behalf – before writing any prescriptions for controlled substances.

Name of Practice:	
Signature	**Printed Name**