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| **Module 09 Case Study**  |

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2. How will you know the severity of “really roaring” pain?
3. What specific type of drug is Vicodin?
4. What type of change(s) could be made in drug delivery with the current prescription to help relieve his pain more effectively? .
5. What will you tell him about his potential for addiction?
6. If he were to receive two Vicodin tablets every 4 hours around the clock, what would be his total dose of acetaminophen for the day?

Please answer these questions in an integrated essay that should be about 2 pages.Submit your completed assignment by following the directions linked below. Please check the **Course Calendar** for specific due dates. |

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