

PAIN MEDICATION POLICY

You are expected to follow the directives presented here. Failure to do so could result in your dismissal from the practice.

A copy of your prescription, which may be electronic, will remain in your medical record.

If you require medication refills, contact your pharmacy first before contacting us. We are available, Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM through 4:00 PM. I may take up to two days to complete your request.

After office hours or on weekends, the doctor “on call” will not refill prescriptions but will answer prescription related questions or concerns about your care.

If a prescription is lost or stolen, a refill WILL NOT be provided until the original prescription date is completed.

We will not refill prescriptions early. Please take medication as written and use as prescribed.

It is your responsibility to inform the physician of any medication you are receiving from another physician. This includes all medications.

AUTOMATIC DISCHARGE FROM OUR PRACTICE WILL OCCUR FOR ANY OF THE BELOW REASONS:

- Forgery or diversion of the prescriptions
- Failure to comply with the physician’s recommendations in the use of the prescription.
- Drug seeking behaviors such as using medications at a higher level than prescribed or taking them more often than recommended, repeat requests for narcotics from the physician after hours, chronic visits to the ER with complaints of pain, persistent use of pain medications beyond the expected post-operative period, and failure to notify the physician that you are receiving medications from other physicians or providers.
- Testing positive for illicit drugs or testing above legal limits of alcohol

You may be referred to a pain management specialist or be evaluated by a psychologist or psychiatrist to help manage your pain. If your insurance does not provide coverage, then you are responsible for payment of the services. If it is not clear that you will need surgery and additional conservative treatment is recommended, then you will need to continue getting any pain medication from your primary care physician. If you do have surgery, then our practice will manage your pain and medications in the early post-operative period, but you will be expected to cut down on the medication after the first few weeks as directed by your physician. If you are unable to do this, then you will be asked to see a pain management specialist.

I have read and understand the above:

Patient Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____