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Pain Medication Policy

Please read the following policy carefully and sign in order to receive care from our office.

Our goal is to provide quality treatment for your musculoskeletal condition. Managing your pain is a component of your orthopedic care. We strive to help you manage your pain in an effective and safe manner. We have adopted the following policies regarding pain management to meet this goal.

- Narcotic pain medications will NOT be provided for chronic conditions. If you feel they are necessary, your primary care physician must manage this or you can request to be referred to a pain management specialist.
- You must be off ALL narcotic pain medications prior to elective surgery or be under the care of a pain management specialist.
- Narcotic pain medications will be provided after acute injuries and surgical procedures, but will be tapered in a reasonable fashion.
- The need for narcotic medications after a typical recovery period will result in a pain management consultation and no subsequent prescriptions will be issued from our office.
- Narcotic medications will NOT be refilled after hours or on weekends.
- In order to minimize delays, please be sure to discuss your pain medication needs during your scheduled appointments.
- We request 24 hours notice for ALL prescription refills. Courteous behavior with office staff is expected. Please do not walk into the office to request pain medication refills.
- Use of multiple pharmacies for your medications is discouraged and obtaining pain medications from another provider during your post injury or post operative period will result in termination of subsequent prescriptions from our office.

I agree to abide by these policies.

I DO NOT agree to abide by these policies and wish to seek care from another orthopedic provider.

Patient Signature

Date