

## **Prescription Policy**

Prescription pain medications have the ability to become addictive. Because we are concerned about our patient's health, we have developed the following policy concerning prescription medications.

- 1. Medication is not ordered for patients seeking second surgical opinions.
- 2. Medication is not ordered for patients when surgery is not indicated.
- 3. Medication that is ordered for pre and postoperative patients and the dosage will be tapered under the physician's direction.
- 4. Once pain medications are prescribed by our physicians, you agree that our office will SOLELY manage those pain medications; in other words, you agree NOT to take pain medications prescribed by other physicians.
- 5. Patient's experiencing pain may be referred to a pain management clinic at the physician's discretion. After you have been referred to a pain clinic or other specialty, or have been released back to your primary care physician, our office will no longer prescribe pain medications.
- 6. Prescription pain medications will not be ordered in dosages that exceed the recommended levels listed in the Physicians Desk Reference.
- 7. You agree NOT to drive motor vehicles or operate heavy machinery while taking narcotic pain medication.
- 8. You agree NOT to use alcohol or recreational drugs while taking any prescription pain medication.

## Prescriptions

- Will only be renewed from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Twenty-four hours must be allowed for prescriptions to be called in.
- No prescriptions are issued for non-hospitalized patients during evenings, weekends or holidays.

## I have read thoroughly read and understand the above policy and agree to its contents.

Signature:

Date: