



Narcotic Prescription Policy

In order to comply with state and national regulations concerning the dispensing of narcotic analgesics we will adhere to the following policy:

1. Narcotic pain medicine will ONLY be prescribed for post-operative pain.
2. Post-operative prescriptions will be written only for a supply of medications required until the next follow up visit.
3. Narcotics should only be taken by the patient as directed on the bottle.
4. If the patient's pain has increased and is requiring more than the prescribed amount, a physician visit will be necessary to assess the reason for the increased need for narcotic analgesics and make appropriate testing and treatment recommendations at that time.
5. NO NARCOTIC PRESCRIPTIONS WILL BE PRESCRIBED BY PHONE OR AFTERHOURS AT ANY TIME.
6. If medication refill needs to take place afterhours or on a weekend, the patient should present to the emergency room for physician evaluation to receive enough medication to cover their pain until an appointment can be made with your surgeon.
7. Medications not related to the patient's surgery should be directed to the primary care or prescribing physician.
8. It is the responsibility of the patient to keep track of the pills being consumed daily and call several days in advance for an appointment if a refill may be needed.
9. Lost, damaged or stolen prescriptions will not be replaced.
10. If you are receiving narcotics from another physician, you are expected to disclose this information at your first visit.
11. Our practice is not designed to provide chronic narcotic medications to patients. Should this be necessary, you will be referred to a pain specialist.

_____ (printed name)

_____ (date)

_____ (signature)