

FLORIDA SPORTS, ORTHOPAEDIC & SPINE MEDICINE / FLORIDA JOINT REPLACEMENT CENTER

PRESCRIPTION DRUG POLICY

Patient # _____

The law requires responsible usage of drugs by doctors and patients. If you accept a prescription from one of our providers at any one of our locations, you are also accepting the responsibility to use the drug for yourself only and only as prescribed. Our responsibility is to prescribe the medications in an appropriate dosage and amounts with clear instructions. We will answer any questions you have about the drug prescribed.

Drugs have the potential for abuse and are regulated closely by state and federal agencies. More closely controlled drugs (narcotic, pain medications, and tranquilizers) require even more responsibility on your part. Pain medications are in the same family of narcotics as stronger more harmful drugs such as morphine or heroin. Actually pain pills can block your perception of pain but when they wear off, you feel the pain more because your own body has not made endorphins (natural pain pills) and the body thinks that the body does not need its own natural remedy. When the pain pills wear off, you may experience worse pain than before. Therefore, we must be careful in the prescribing of these medications to ensure they are medically necessary. We will accept NO excuses for medication loss or theft and will not order replacements. We will not prescribe narcotics if you are using them other than exactly prescribed or receiving them from another source. Any change of pharmacy is your choice and therefore, your responsibility to notify our office.

Many drugs are appropriate for short term use only. Our office policy is to prescribe pain medication only if necessary and in your best interest post surgically for the 90 days following your procedure. If you are not a surgical patient we will prescribe a narcotic pain medication for no more than (30) thirty days from the last visit. Any request past (30) thirty days will require you to come into the office for an appointment to be reassessed as to need. We may also require the consultation of other specialists to help decide on the course of action when we disagree about your continued use of a substance. We may decide not to refill any medication even within the 30 day period if it is deem not medically necessary. Otherwise, we hold to a NO NARCOTIC POLICY.

Our office requires a 24 to 48 hour call in policy for refills of any prescription. Please call for refills before 12:00 PM on Fridays and before 4:00PM on other weekdays. Medications will not be filled after normal business hours or over the weekend.

Failure to follow these policies will force our Practice to terminate our professional relationship and may require us to file a report with the Department of Professional Regulation or the local police.

If you are in agreement with all information stated above, please sign and date on the line below.

Signature of Patient or Patient Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Patient/Guardian