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Prescription Policy

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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 is not 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: _____