



Prescription Refill & Narcotic Policy

This office does not prescribe pain medications except in the event that the patient has had surgery with one of our surgeons. Prior to surgery, patients will need to discuss pain management with their primary care or referring provider.

Our office will prescribe pain medication only for the 60 day period immediately following surgery and for surgical pain only. After this time, if patients continue to need assistance with pain management, they will need to contact their PCP, referring provider, or ask for a referral to a pain management specialist.

If patients are already established with a pain management doctor who is prescribing pain medications, we will coordinate with their office to determine who should provide post operative medications.

Before we can prescribe any pain medications, patients must inform us if they are taking any prescribed or unprescribed pain medications and if using any recreational drugs.

Our office will perform random or scheduled intermittent drug screening to assure patients are taking only prescribed drugs. The drug screen is a laboratory test in which a sample patient's urine is checked for drug use.

Unless previous arrangements have been made and provided to our office in writing, patients cannot obtain narcotics from more than one medical office or provider. If done so, we will no longer provide these medications.

Many insurance companies will no longer allow patients to fill narcotic pain medications earlier than the prescription directions allow for. If patients request early refills, they are responsible for the full medication cost. Unfortunately, there is nothing our office can do to obtain insurance coverage for early fill requests.

Lost or stolen medications will not be replaced.

Our office will notify patients when they are approaching the end of this 60 day period. Please plan ahead and make arrangements with the PCP or referring provider's office to assume responsibility for any medications needed outside of this timeframe.

We require **48 hours notification** for all refill and prescription requests.

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD We cannot accommodate same day requests for pain medication.

Please call your pharmacy first for non-narcotic refill requests.