



Patient Medication Policy

Our patients are very important to us. Our goal at Texas Orthopaedic Associates, L.L.P. is to provide you with the best treatment possible in a pleasant and caring manner. We are sensitive to the pain you may be experiencing. For this reason your doctor may prescribe medication to help you with the pain.

General Medication Policy for patients:

1. All medications should be taken as instructed by your physician.
2. Please contact your pharmacy for medication refills. They will contact us. This reduces the possibility of errors being made when filling your prescription.
3. If all medication is taken prior to the approximated refill time, the request will be denied.
4. Medication refills will only be accepted Monday through Thursday during normal business hours.
5. Medication refills sent to the office after 3:00 PM will not be addressed until the next business day.
6. Medications will not be filled on holidays or weekends by the on-call doctor. Please plan accordingly and contact your pharmacy, prior to running out of your prescription.
7. It is our policy not to prescribe medications for undiagnosed pain.
8. Schedule II narcotic medications cannot be called into the pharmacy. Those must be written or may be processed electronically as mandated by federal law.
9. If medication is needed beyond the normal post-operative period, or if pain persists after completion of non-surgical treatment, you will be referred to a pain management program. At this point all pain medication will be prescribed by the pain specialists and not by our office. The pain specialist will inform our office of your progress.
10. Surgery Patients – we will NOT refill pain medication:
 - a. 4 – 6 weeks after a knee, hip, or shoulder arthroscopic procedure, carpal tunnel release, ankle ligament repair/reconstruction, fracture fixation or total joint replacement.
 - b. 8 – 10 weeks after a reconstruction of shoulder ligaments or rotator cuff / Bankart repair, or total shoulder replacement.

Exceptions to the above guidelines will be at the discretion of the treating physician.