

## OUR PAIN MEDICATION POLICY

In the course of your treatment, you may receive pain medications. However, all physicians are required by federal law to follow stringent policies related to the use of prescription drugs, especially narcotics.

Consequently, all patients need to make arrangements to obtain any necessary prescription refills prior to the weekend. We will not provide pain prescriptions or pain prescription refills during the weekend which begins each Friday at noon and ends the following Monday at 8:30 a.m.

The goal of our spine center is to help patients become less dependent on pain medications. Consequently, our policy is to NOT provide prescription refills by phone. So you may need to see the physician or the physician assistant to make these arrangements. Please call at least two days prior to your last dose. This will assure the most prompt response to your request. Do not wait until the day your medication runs out. Our clinical staff needs sufficient time to review your request for refill.

### USE ONE PHARMACY

Using the same pharmacy helps assure that the pharmacy will stock your medication for refills and that the pharmacy will know that you have a legitimate need for pain medication. Consequently, it is in your best interest to use only ONE pharmacy for refills of your pain medication.

### PROTECT YOUR MEDICATION FROM LOSS

You are personally responsible for the safekeeping of your medication. Please do not sell, trade or give it away. If your medication is damaged, stolen or lost you must notify us right away.

Please do not seek pain medication from any other doctor unless approved by our clinical staff. Let us know if at any time another doctor prescribes medication for you.

The above restrictions apply a variety of prescription drugs, including, but not limited to:

1. Narcotics. (Example include, Vicodin, Percocet, Oxycontin & Codeine)
2. Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory drugs, "NSAIDS". (Example include, Motrin, Celebrex & Naprosyn)
3. Non-narcotic and other Pain Medicine. (Example include, Ultram or Darvocet)
4. Muscle Relaxants. (Example include, Flexeril or Soma)