

## **MEDICATION POLICY**

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**ACCT#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Effective October 6, 2014** the Department of Justice and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has changed the classification of Schedule II Narcotics. **Each** prescription for pain medication must be personally signed by your healthcare provider; therefore, this medication **cannot** be called into your pharmacy. Electronic prescriptions are required as of **January 1, 2020**.

As a result of the DEA change, our office has implemented the following policy:

The providers at Neuroscience **may** or **may not** prescribe pain medication as part of your treatment plan. In the event you are prescribed pain medication you will be required to follow and sign our office policy.

*Please Note:* Policy is subject to change.

\_\_\_ There will be a **3-business day** turn around for pain medication refills. You will be notified when your refill can be picked up if it is authorized. **Multiple calls OR walking into the office for status OR requesting refills, will not be acceptable.**

\_\_\_ You must follow the treatment plan ordered by your provider. Refills will not be authorized if there is a delay or non-compliance of the treatment plan.

\_\_\_ You must follow the directions on your prescription. Running out of pain medication is not an emergency; therefore, not taking it as directed may result in you being out for a period of time. Early refills will not be authorized.

\_\_\_ You must safeguard your pain medication from loss or theft. *Lost* or *Stolen* medications will not be replaced.

\_\_\_ All refills will be sent to your pharmacy electronically. It is your responsibility to notify our office if your pharmacy has changed.

\_\_\_ In the event we are unable to electronically prescribe your medication, you will be notified when your prescription is ready for pick up. You are responsible for picking up your prescription; however, you may authorize someone else to pick it up for you. The office **will not** be responsible once a prescription has been signed for.

\_\_\_ Refills cannot be made after business hours. The on-call provider will NOT refill pain medication.

\_\_\_ You may be requested to have a random urine drug screen in order to receive your medication.

**Effective January 1, 2018** the NC State Legislature passed the STOP Act. This law limits the quantity of narcotics a provider can prescribe.

- Pain medications for **acute** pain can only be prescribed for 5 days.
- Pain medications for post-operative pain can only be prescribed for 7 days.
- Neuroscience and Spine Center does not prescribe chronic pain medications.

**By signing below, I understand and agree to comply with the above policy.**

Signature

Printed Name

Date of Birth

Date of Signature