



MEDICATION POLICY

Name: _____

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