

ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATES OF READING, LTD.

Prescription Medication Policy Narcotics, Opioids, General Pain Medication

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NARCOTIC PRESCRIPTION

No narcotic pain relievers will be prescribed at the time of initial consultation. The referring physician should manage all pain medication until the time that a final treatment plan has been recommended by this office. A final treatment plan is developed after all diagnostic testing (MRI's, x-rays, EMG, CT scan, laboratory work-up, etc.) is evaluated and discussed with the patient.

In the event surgery has been recommended, this office will render post-operative pain management. Narcotic pain management in the post-operative period will not exceed 90 days. If narcotic pain management is required beyond 90 days, then a referral to a Chronic Pain Specialist will be made.

In the event a non-operative treatment plan has been recommended, pain management can be rendered by either the primary care physician (PCP) or by the non-surgical specialist, who the patient is referred to for care.

ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Requests for prescription refills will only be handled during the following office hours:

- Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Friday: 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.
- All refills require 24 hour notice. The medical chart must be reviewed, and the request approved by the physician or physician assistant.
- The patient (not a family member or friend) must initiate the request to refill narcotic medications.
- Pharmacy name and telephone number are required in order for requests to be processed.
- Requests taken after 12:00 p.m. on Friday will not be processed until Monday.
- Requests for narcotic medications will not be taken after office hours or on weekends.

IMPORTANT NOTE

In the event of suspected or documented narcotic abuse, further prescriptions of narcotic pain medications will not be made. Extreme cases, as determined by O.A.R., Ltd., may mean the patient will be discharged from care.

In the event of suspected or documented narcotic criminal activity, physicians will limit narcotic pain medication prescriptions to post-operative care. Extreme cases, as determined by O.A.R., Ltd., may mean the patient will be discharged from care.

If a patient has not been seen in this office during the preceding three months, no prescriptions will be “called-in” to the pharmacy without re-assessment of the patient.

Please review your personal prescription drug program carefully as new guidelines require special authorization for certain drugs and new formularies may eliminate the specific prescription medication you are now taking. These factors could play a role in the timeliness of your prescription refill.

I have read, understand and will adhere to the Prescription Medication Policy established at Orthopaedic Associates of Reading, Ltd.

Signature

Print Name

Date