

# Saqib A. Siddiqui, M.D.

## MEDICATION POLICY

This practice follows a strict medication policy for all patients and is outlined below. All patients are required to review the policy below and sign an acknowledgement stating they have reviewed the policy and agree to abide by the provisions of the policy.

All clinic personnel have also reviewed the policy and will implement and strictly abide by it. Unless the physician personally consents to a request for a deviation from the protocol, it will be followed explicitly.

1. **We DO NOT give refills in this practice.** You will be given enough post-op pain medication, anti-spasm medications etc. for 2-3 weeks after surgery until we can see you for follow up in the office. You will be given a prescription either on your pre-operative medical conference visit or on the day of your discharge from the surgery center or the hospital. We are a surgical practice and **do not “take over prescribing” your pills or medications from your GP** or referring physician. **Please do not call, email, fax or request refills!** Once again, we do not do refills.
2. All medications are to be taken as prescribed. If there are any questions or problems with the medications they should be directed to the medical assistant. The medical assistant will notify the physician as necessary. **After hours** or if there is an urgent or emergent matter, the physician will be notified and the patient may be directed to proceed to an **Urgent Care facility or Emergency Room** as indicated. A physician from this practice will always be available for **questions from the emergency room staff** regarding your medications or condition.
3. In connection with certain medication, patients may be requested to have a urine test every three to six months to allow continued usage of these medications.
4. Stronger narcotic medications, including those requiring additional paperwork such as triplicate forms or Department of Public Safety or Drug Enforcement Agency stickers, are not used in this practice. **The doctors in this practice do not have triplicate prescription forms or DEA stickers.** Patients requiring these will be referred to a pain management specialist.
5. No narcotic pain medications, tablet, skin patch, or injection, are kept on the premises.

6. Narcotic pain medications are used in this practice for management of **acute post-operative incision pain**. Once this period is over your pain medications will once again be prescribed by your GP, internist, or referring physician. If you require chronic pain control you will be referred to a pain management specialist or enrolled in a chronic pain program. Once again, we **do not assume control of, or take over management in any way of your chronic pain and pain medications for longer than 30 days after surgery.**

**After that period this is the responsibility of your GP, internist or pain management physician. If you suffer from severe chronic pain, you may be referred to a pain management physician before surgery to help you lower your usage of pain medications.**

**PAIN MEDICATION WILL ONLY BE WRITTEN FOR SURGICAL & POST-OP PATIENTS AND DR. SIDDIQUI WILL BE THE ONLY PRESCRIBING DOCTOR DURING THIS TIME.**

**ALL OTHER PATIENTS WILL BE REFERRED TO PAIN MANAGEMENT.**

After reviewing the medication policy above, I understand and agree to these provisions.

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Patient Signature

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Print Name

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Date