

## **Neurosurgical Associates**

### **Patient Agreement for Controlled Substances**

The physicians at Neurosurgical Associates take prescribing controlled substances very seriously. Controlled substances can become addicting and may have serious side effects. In order to minimize the risk, we ask that all patients complete this patient agreement.

- I agree to take pain medications/controlled substances as ordered. There will be no early refills of medication.
- I agree not to receive prescriptions from any other physician for controlled substances including pain medications, tranquilizers and/or sedatives.
- I understand that there will be no replacement for any medications that are lost or stolen.
- I give my permission for Neurosurgical Associates to discuss my pain medications with pharmacies, hospital emergency rooms or other physicians involved in my care.
- I give my permission for Neurosurgical Associates to verify my medication history via electronic means.
- I agree to fill all my prescriptions at one pharmacy that is listed on my registration paperwork.
- I agree to address issues with my pain medications/controlled substances during regularly scheduled appointments.
- I agree to urine and/or blood tests as requested by Neurosurgical Associates to verify the compliance with this agreement.
- I agree to inform my employer that I am using pain medications/controlled substances if I am employed in a safety-sensitive occupation (truck driver, machine operator, childcare, etc.)
- I understand that there will be no prior authorization for controlled substances. If I use more than the amount that is allowed by my insurance company, I will be responsible for the payment of the medication.
- I understand that if my attending physician feels it would be beneficial, that I will undergo detoxification of narcotics in an insurance approved program.
- I understand that it is the goal of Neurosurgical Associates not to prescribe narcotics to surgical patients for more than a total of 120 consecutive days. This allots 30 days for pre-operative narcotic treatment and 90 days for post-operative narcotic treatment. Narcotic treatment beyond the 90 day post-operative period will not be permitted. Patients that require narcotics beyond the 90 day post-operative period will be referred to a pain management physician for specialized care.

If this agreement is violated, you can be seen as a patient of Neurosurgical Associates, but you will not receive any prescriptions for narcotics/controlled substances.

**This policy will remain in effect from the date of electronic or written signature and does not expire.**

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**Patient Signature & Date**