

PAIN MEDICINE POLICY

Use of pain medication has certain risks including, but not limited to: nausea, constipation, itching, allergic reaction, slowing of breathing, sleepiness, slowing of reflex and reaction time, physical dependence, addiction and fatal overdose.

- **Medications should be used only as directed.**
- **Refill of medications will be provided to patients by phone only if prior arrangements have been made and noted in clinic chart.**
- **All other refill requests are subject to review by physician and will require a minimum of 48 hours.**
- **No refill request will be taken by office staff or nurse after 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday or after 12:00 noon on Friday.**
- **If you have not been seen by physician within the past 3 months, refill of pain medications will require an office visit.**