

Pain Management Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to outline our practice policies & expectations for patients in our pain management practice.

Prescriptions:

- Pain medication prescriptions are obtained from our office only. Exception: If you have a surgery, dental procedure/surgery or urgent care/ER visit, that provider may prescribe pain medication as they deem necessary. **You must notify the office immediately.**
- Only use **one** pharmacy, if there is a change in pharmacies you must notify us.
- Prescribed medication(s) must be taken strictly as ordered.
- Do not take medication(s) not prescribed to you.
- Do not take old medication(s). Old medication(s) should not be mixed with your current medication(s). Please discuss with provider.
- Medication(s) must be kept in a safe and secure place. Lost or stolen medication must be reported to the police and your physician immediately. **Prescriptions will not be refilled early.**
- Refills of medication(s) will only be given as authorized by your provider.
- Refills will not be made at night, on weekends, or during holidays.
- It is against the law to give or sell your medication(s) to any other person.
- We cannot force a pharmacy to fill or your insurance to pay for your prescription.

Appointments:

- You must keep your scheduled appointments. Patients who habitually fail to keep appointments will be discharged from our clinic.
- Appointments are scheduled per the provider's requirements & may require you to be seen every month.
- You must arrive on time. Arriving late will result in your appointment being rescheduled without your medication being prescribed.
- Arriving too early to your appointment may result in a longer wait time. You may be "worked in" if the schedule allows.
- Appointment reminders are a courtesy. It is your responsibility to know when your appointment is.

Treatment Plans:

- Accurately list all medical conditions and medications, including herbal remedies & over-the-counter medications.
- We may contact any healthcare professional, family member, pharmacy, legal authority, or regulatory agency to obtain or provide information about your care or actions if the physician deems it necessary.
- You will be asked to participate in other conservative treatment plans prescribed by your provider.
- Treatment plans & medications may be altered at any time for any reason as the provider sees fit.

Compliance:

- No use of any illicit substances or alcohol is permitted.
- You will be subject to a urine drug test on your 1st visit & periodic unannounced urine drug testing thereafter. (See Financial below)
- You will be subject to periodic unannounced pill counts. Pain medication(s) must be brought to every visit.
- Patient is responsible to comply with all laws and regulations while taking these medications.
- Unauthorized visits to any of the offices without an appointment are not permitted.
- Physical & verbal abuse towards office staff or pharmacists will **NOT** be tolerated. This includes disruptions affecting daily operations within the office as well as abuse on the phone with office staff. **This will result in immediate discharge from the practice.**

Warnings:

- Side effects and addiction to these medications is possible. If you have a history of alcohol or drug misuse/addiction, you must notify the physician.
- Suddenly stopping these medications could be dangerous. Discuss stopping medication(s) with your provider, prior to doing so.
- Do not drive or use dangerous equipment when taking medication(s) that may cause impairment as advised by your provider.
- Narcan is strongly recommended to be available if taking opioid narcotics.
- We strongly discourage taking benzodiazepines, such as, Diazepam, Lorazepam, Clonazepam, etc. while taking narcotics. We will work with your prescriber to find alternative treatments to minimize the risk to your safety.

Financial:

- All copays, coinsurance, & deductibles must be paid at the time of service.
- You will be financially responsible for the cost of urine drug test (\$150.00) if insurance does not pay for it.
- Your account must remain current & compliant with DPC Financial Policies.

Violation of any of the above will result in my prescription being terminated and/or discharge from the clinic. Final decisions will be made by the providers of Dallas Pain Consultants and will be final.

The above list is not complete, and patients should exercise caution and common sense, ask questions when a full understanding is not met or if you feel that you may be having trouble with the treatment provided.