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MEDICATION POLICY

Controlled Substance medications (narcotics-opioids, tranquilizers, barbiturates: i.e. any drug which produces sleep or stupor) can be very useful, but have a high potential for misuse and abuse. Therefore, these controlled substances are strictly governed by the United States Drug Enforcement agency. When used properly, these medications can be very effective for pain management. When used excessively, they can cause adverse effects such as impaired judgment, vomit!ng, constipation, lethargy, or even death. To insure these medications are used properly, I agree to the following conditions:

- 1. I am responsible for my narcotic medications. If my prescription or medication is lost, misplaced, stolen, or if I use it more than prescribed, I understand that it will not be replaced or refilled early. I will report any stolen medication to law enforcement and be prepared to provide a copy of that report if requested.
- 2. I will not request, nor accept, narcotic medication from any other physician or individual while I am receiving such medication from Spine & Scoliosis Specialists (except if I am a patient in a hospital).
- 3. Refills of narcotic medication, if applicable, will be made only during normal office hours, Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refills will not be made at night, holidays or weekends. Refill requests require 3 business days to process.
- 4. I understand that if I violate any of the above conditions or at any time decline to take a urine test for controlled drugs at my physician's request, my narcotic prescriptions may be terminated. These violations may also be reported to other physicians and/or to the North Carolina Controlled Substance Reporting System or other authority.
- 5. I understand that if I am receiving medication from more than one pharmacy, I will inform the clinical staff.
- 6. I agree to keep all appointments as scheduled and I understand that I may be denied a medication refill for missed appointments.