

CENTRAL | TENNESSEE **FOOT and ANKLE CENTER**

Narcotic and Opioid Medication Policy

As Required By Law This Applies To All Patients

If the circumstances arise, although we are not a long term pain management provider, our physician may determine that you may need to be temporarily prescribed narcotic pain medication.

You must understand the dangers of taking narcotic medications with other medications as well as alcohol and illicit drugs, and you agree to inform us of any medication changes, no matter how insignificant you may feel it may be. Our provider does check your narcotic prescription history on the Tennessee Controlled Substance Monitoring Database. This office does not prescribe OxyContin, Morphine, Dilaudid, Demerol, Xanax, Valium, or Ativan except under extreme circumstances and only for an exceptionally limited amount of time.

You will use the medication given to you only as prescribed by our provider. You will not alter the dosage without being directed to do so by our office. You agree that you will only receive this medication from one provider.

If you are in in a Pain Management program or are being prescribed narcotic pain medication by another physician, you will agree not to expect our office to become the sole provider for your medication unless an agreement is reached between both providers. Failure to comply with these rules could result in a dismissal from our practice.

Our provider reserves the right to decrease or discontinue this medication at any time at their own discretion, once our provider discontinues or decreases your medication that decision is final. Any attempt to argue or become belligerent regarding the discontinuance of your medications will be grounds for immediate dismissal from our practice.

You will agree to only use one pharmacy during your treatment and if at any time you choose to change the pharmacy you must notify this office immediately.

The medication given to you in your prescription is expected to last until your next appointment. Only take this medication when you absolutely have to have it. Occasional refill request will be handled at select times during the day. We are an extremely busy office and we may not be able to return your call immediately. Please be patient when making these requests. We do require a 1 business day wait time for medication refills. Tennessee law prohibits narcotic medication to be phoned in so arrangements must be made to pick up the written prescription. Continued calling, threats, or loud and abusive language to our physician or our staff will not be tolerated and will result in being discharged from the practice.

In the event your medication is lost or stolen you may request a replacement, only if you can provide this office with a written police report of the event. This report will become a part of your permanent medical record. Even if our provider agrees to replace your medication; pharmacies are also bound by legal requirements as well and they have a right to refuse to fill a replacement prescription. If they choose to refuse there is nothing this office can do in that situation.

1. If a prescriber has reason to believe that a patient is trying to obtain or has obtained a controlled substance or one with similar therapeutic use within 30 days from another provider that patient must be reported to local law enforcement within 3 business days (T.C.A. 53-11-309)

2. Providers are required to report actual fraud by a TennCare recipient. That report must be made to the office of TennCare Inspector General (T.C.A. 71-5-2603)

I have read and I understand these rules regarding the prescribing and use of Narcotic and Opioid Pain Medication. By Signing I agree to comply with these rules for my treatment with Central Tennessee Foot and Ankle Center.

Patient Signature _____ Print _____ Date _____