



### Patient/Physician Agreement Regarding the Use of Pain Medication

Narcotic medications can be harmful if used in excess. This is an important public health issue. ***The medication will probably not completely eliminate your pain*** but is expected to reduce it enough that you become more functional and improve your quality of life. In order for us to meet your needs in a ***safe, effective, and compassionate manner***, we must abide by the following rules:

1. We cannot give out refill prescriptions when the office is closed, as we have no access to your prescription history or medical records. Our office is open 8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Thursday and 8:30am-3:00pm on Friday.
2. Please advise our office two days prior to needing a new refill.
3. Prescriptions should be picked up at your pharmacy.
4. You must be responsible for the use of your medications. All medications should be stored in a safe place and out of reach of children. We cannot refill lost or misplaced medications. Your prescriptions must not be taken by others.
5. All narcotics may impair mental and physical abilities required for the performance of potentially hazardous tasks such as driving a car or operating machinery. You should not perform such tasks while taking these medications.
6. Taking alcohol with this product must be avoided. Combining alcohol and pain medication can be harmful or fatal.
7. If you have any questions about your medications, especially which medication may be a narcotic, please consult with one of our staff members or a pharmacist.
8. All prescriptions for pain medications will come from Buffalo Neurosurgery Group, your primary care doctor, or your pain management doctor. Prescriptions for pain medications may not come from more than one doctor.
9. All prescriptions must be filled at one designated pharmacy. That pharmacy will be:

Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

10. You must not take more than the prescribed amount of medication. You will be instructed in the use of the medication so that no misunderstanding will occur.
11. Medication refills will be issued only for the date they are due up to 90 days post operatively, at the discretion of the provider.
12. In most every case, we will wean you off the narcotics, or you will be referred to pain management.
13. Missed visits will constitute a breach of this contract, and when indicated, we will not issue medication until you have seen the doctor.
14. At your doctor's discretion, you agree to cooperate with random drug testing, which may be requested at any time. If you refuse, you understand any prescribed medications will be stopped. Any illegal substance found in your specimen will constitute grounds for your immediate dismissal from the doctor's practice (This includes, but is not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and any undisclosed prescribed medications).
15. Should you not comply with our agreement, we will be unable to continue prescribing these medications for you.
16. Pain medications should not be taken during pregnancy. If you become pregnant, please notify this office immediately.