

POLICIES & CONSENT TO TREAT
(Please initial all sections, sign & date form)

Effective August 21, 2023, MEDICATION POLICY CONSENT:

Currently, our office receives a large volume of calls daily for medication refill requests outside of an office visit. In an effort to more efficiently, and most importantly, safely manage refill requests, it is necessary for our clinic to implement a new prescription refill policy. We understand that this change will affect you. By keeping you informed of the policy change, we hope to continue working together to ensure safe and high-quality medical care.

↓ **Initial each item in the space provided indicating you have read and attest to it:**

_____ I authorize Advanced Spine Center Physicians and PA-C to obtain a medication history and/or list of current medications via my pharmacy or the prescription monitoring program for medical records.

_____ **WE NO LONGER ACCEPT REFILL REQUESTS BY TELEPHONE, PORTAL, EMAIL OR FAX.**

****Allow 48 hours to process a request for all medications.** If you need a refill on your medications, please call your preferred pharmacy to initiate the request. Narcotic prescriptions are sent electronically and cannot be issued as paper Rx. Refills are approved on a patient-by-patient basis and never refilled over the weekend or after business hours. Do not call the pharmacy to try to get medicine over the weekend. **If pain is too severe to tolerate over the weekend, seek ER treatment.**

_____ **MULTIPLE CALLS ON THE SAME DAY WILL ONLY DELAY YOUR REFILL REQUEST.** Refill requests **MUST** be called in to the patient's pharmacy. **Refill requests will not be accepted by any other means.** Please call at least two days before your supply of medication runs out.

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_____ We request that you use the same pharmacy for all your prescriptions. Use only one physician to obtain pain medications. **Regardless of whether you are a surgical candidate, Dr. Courtney, will NOT prescribe pain medication or controlled substances long term.** If needed, Dr. Courtney will refer you to a pain management physician. Dr. Courtney specializes in spine surgery, **NOT** pain management.

Place filled pain medication prescriptions in a secure location (ex. locked drawer, cabinet, etc.). A "lost or stolen" narcotic prescription will be noted in your chart and cannot be refilled 7 days before the issued date. Per DEA regulations the theft or loss of an official Schedule II narcotic prescription form must be reported to:

Texas State Board of Pharmacy Prescription Monitoring Program
333 Guadalupe Street
Suite 3-500
Austin, TX 78701
texasmpmp@pharmacy.texas.gov

Patient Printed Name

Patient Signature

Date