

Advanced Physical Medicine

Our Policy On Prescribing Narcotics (Pain Medication)

Here at APM we are committed to evaluating and treating pain at every visit. There are many options for treating acute and chronic pain. Narcotics are but one avenue of pain therapy, at APM, it is never the sole method of treating pain. In addition to this, we offer a wide variety of services to assist in controlling pain so please be sure to review these with the doctor or his assistants. Our Pain Agreement and Informed Consent for Opioid Therapy Policy (Narcotic Policy) was developed to provide our patients and clinicians' guidelines for utilizing narcotic medications in a safe and effective manner; therefore, we adhere strictly to our policy.

Every patient prescribed a narcotic from our office will be required to sign and abide by this policy referred to as the "Pain Agreement". In it, we stipulate that the patient is required to make monthly appointments to ensure proper monitoring; utilize only our office for obtaining pain medications, take part in random pill counts and random urine drug screening etc. These guidelines are developed in part by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and are supported by the Pain Medicine Associations and Drug Enforcement Agency to ensure your safety.

We do not tolerate medication abuse or misuse. Patients who demonstrate patterns of behavior indicative abuse, diversion, or misuse will be discharged from the practice or will no longer receive narcotic prescriptions from our practice. To view our Pain Agreement in its entirety please ask the receptionist or visit our website AdvancedPhysicalMedicinePC.com and click on the forms link. Thank you for honoring our high standards in integrity and patient safety.