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## **IMPORTANT**

The nature of medical practice has changed a great deal in the last several years. This is especially true of the practice of *Pain Management*.

Attached are some important documents that you must read and sign. The issues discussed and addressed within may in no way apply to you. If so, please do not be alarmed or offended by the content. These documents were designed to make certain that those patients undergoing treatment with us are the ones who can benefit from our treatment. Furthermore, we hope that these documents will prevent any misunderstandings between doctor and patient. Such misunderstandings are unpleasant for all involved and take up valuable time that is better spent with patients who we can help.

Thank you for your understanding.

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**A NOTICE TO ALL PATIENTS REGARDING:  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTIONS**

Those patients currently on narcotic and/or sedative/hypnotic medications prescribed by another physician are hereby notified that *acceptance of a new patient for evaluation does NOT constitute an agreement to assume responsibility for prescribing these medications*. If you feel that you will need to continue these medications on a chronic basis, you are advised to inform your **currently prescribing physician** that you will continue to require prescriptions for these medications from them. That is an issue between you and your prescribing physician. **The philosophy of this practice is NOT to maintain patients on narcotics for chronic non-cancer pain.** This may differ from the philosophy of your current physician and/or it may differ from a philosophy that you are comfortable with.

If your medications are prescribed by this office DURING your interventional or other treatment with us, they will not be continued after our treatment is terminated. For the most part, these medications will be tapered during the course of treatment. At the termination of treatment, if YOU feel that that you require narcotics chronically you are once again advised to return to your originally prescribing physician. If you need assistance in terminating narcotic use, options for outpatient or inpatient detoxification will be discussed.

The attached "narcotic contract" is required of all patients in the event that narcotics are prescribed and does not constitute an agreement to prescribe.

• I have read the above and understand the contents and its impact on my treatment.

PATIENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



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## NARCOTIC CONTRACT

It is of the utmost importance that ALL patients clearly understand the controlled substance prescription policy of this office. Controlled substances include ALL **narcotics, sedative-hypnotics and alertness increasing medications.**

- It is the responsibility of you, the patient, and you alone, to make certain that you have scheduled an appointment prior to exhausting your supply of medication. You must contact this office at least *10 business days* prior to the desired appointment date in order to schedule. We make no guarantees that appointments will be available with less than 10 days advance notice.
- If you are going to run out of medication at your present dose prior to your appointment date you must reduce your dose in order to get by with the supply that you have.
- Under no circumstances will prescriptions be mailed to patients or called in to your pharmacy. This does, of course, does not apply to *non-controlled substances*. Any voicemail messages left for refills of controlled substances will be promptly erased and therefore remain unanswered.
- It is your responsibility to safeguard your medication at all times. If your medication is lost or stolen, you must file a police report. Upon receipt of that police report, a new prescription will be issued. You will be allowed to get a replacement prescription *one time only*. Therefore, there can be only one such incident. Further loss or theft, will not be compensated.
- In the event that you are arrested for any substance related criminal offense, you will immediately be referred for drug detoxification and discharged from the practice.
- If you increase your medication without authorization, the resulting need for an early refill will result in reduction of your dose. Continued misuse of the medication will result in further monthly reductions in dose until the medication is discontinued. You will thereafter be discharged.

We have instituted random *drug testing*, as well as drug testing when violations of this policy are suspected. Since the majority of insurance companies will not cover this expense, this testing may be at *your expense*. Refusal to submit to such testing will result in tapering, discontinuation and discharge.

Again, every patient must clearly understand these key elements of the policy. ***This policy will be applied to all patients, without exception.***

• I have read and understand the rules for narcotic control. I agree to abide by the rules of this narcotic agreement and fully understand that ;a **BREACH** of any portion of this contract is grounds for IMMEDIATE DISCHARGE from the medical care of any and all physicians of **RICHARD N. SIEGFRIED, MD, LLC.**

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