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Patient Acknowledgement: Narcotic Medication and Refill Policy

The care of orthopedic musculoskeletal injuries or surgical intervention can obviously be painful. I understand that this pain and/or discomfort may require the use of narcotic pain medication to help ease any pain and make me more comfortable. This medication may not completely relieve my pain and/or discomfort but should make it more tolerable.

Unfortunately, due to potential complications from prolonged use of narcotics, the risk of developing medication addiction and the high incidence of narcotic abuse and street sales, I understand that the physicians of this Practice will only issue prescriptions or prescription refills for narcotic pain medications for the maximum of six weeks following my surgery or treatment of my injury.

I further understand that refills for any narcotic medication must be approved by my physician, and can only be refilled during regular office hours. I am aware that there will be no narcotic medication refills authorized for me after regular office hours. We are sorry for any potential inconvenience that may result from this policy.

Acknowledged: _____

Patient Signature

Date