

PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT  
Medication Agreement

Here at Bayside Orthopaedic, we believe in a team approach to treating your musculoskeletal condition. Sometimes this well-rounded treatment plan will involve prescribing medications. Some of these may be opioid, “narcotics”, or other controlled substances for a prescribed amount of time. In light of this, please read the following agreement and sign as an indication that you understand and will abide by these policies.

1. All patients receiving medications prescribed by Bayside Orthopaedic PMR must take their medicines as prescribed.
2. You are to be responsible for your medications. No excuses will be accepted by the doctors or nursing team such as “medications were lost, stolen, dropped in the sink, left in a hotel, etc.” This means no refills will be made before the allotted time for the prescription.
3. We believe that **CHRONIC PAIN IS NEVER AN EMERGENCY**. No medication refills will be made after office hours, during the weekends or holidays. You must be responsible for managing your medications and make an appointment for a refill of your pain medication before that prescription runs out.
4. No refills or medication changes will be allowed at scheduled procedures or other treatments outside of our clinic (i.e. injections/surgeries at the outpatient surgery centers.)
5. Patients complaining of a new pain, side effects of medications or treatment are encouraged to call the clinic during regular office hours – 8:00A.M. to 5:00P.M. Telephone calls regarding conditions you are currently being treated for will not be tolerated during evenings, nights, weekends and holidays.
6. The physicians at Bayside Orthopaedic prescribe narcotic and opioid medications in a responsible manner. We are concerned about prescribing these medications to persons who, unbeknownst to us, are getting narcotic medications or other medications with addictive potential from other physicians, or “off the street” or from a family member. Therefore, ALL patients on narcotic or opioid medications prescribed by Bayside Orthopaedic PMR physicians agree to unscheduled drug testing if the physician deems it necessary.
7. If you are on chronic narcotic medications, you must understand that Bayside Orthopaedic PMR physicians will allow you to go through narcotic withdrawal from your medication if we feel that you are managing these medications irresponsibly.
8. Failure to abide by this understanding will be taken by the PMR physician/clinic to mean that you either no longer want to be treated by the clinic or that you will not abide by the rules of the clinic and this agreement. In either case, failure to abide might be cause for referral back to your referring physician for care, or to a pain medicine/addiction specialist. Failure to abide by this agreement will put you at risk of dismissal from the clinic. You are responsible for informing us of all narcotics prescribed by other physicians outside of our practice, even those for dental and other non-medical procedures.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE DOCUMENT, MY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED AND ANSWERED, AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ABOVE EXPECTATIONS OF CARE UNDER MY PMR PHYSICIAN IN THIS CLINIC.**

**PATIENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHART #** \_\_\_\_\_