

## CNMRI NARCOTIC MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

The long-term use of opioid or narcotic medications is somewhat controversial because of uncertainty regarding the extent to which this treatment actually improves the patients' quality of life. There is the potential risk of an addictive disorder developing or of relapse occurring in a person with a prior addictive disorder. The extent of this risk is not certain. These drugs all have potential for abuse or diversion and accordingly, strict accountability is necessary when use is prolonged.

In addition to clinical monitoring to determine the benefits of this treatment, accountability is a necessity. For this reason the following policies are agreed to by the treatment recipient as indicated by the signature below.

1. All narcotics must come from one physician or, during his or her absence, by the covering physician.
2. All narcotics must be obtained at the same pharmacy. Please note that according to Delaware Law, narcotic prescriptions expire after 7 days of being written, please do not hold your narcotic prescription beyond 7 days .
3. You are expected to inform our office of any new medications or medical conditions, and of any adverse affects you experience from any of the medications you take.
4. You may not share, sell, trade, exchange your medications for money, goods, services, etc. or otherwise permit others to have access to these medications.
5. You may not use any illegal substances (cocaine, heroin, marijuana, etc.) while being treated with controlled substances.
6. It may be requested by a CNMRI provider that original containers of medications be brought into the office at each visit to document compliance and or prevent overuse. You may be asked to come into the office between appointments for a pill count to confirm ongoing compliance.
7. The prescribing physician has complete liberty to discuss fully all diagnostic and treatment details with the pharmacists at the dispensing pharmacy for purposes of maintaining accountability.
8. Random unannounced urine and/or serum toxicology screens may be requested at any time. Tests may include screens for illegal substances. Presence of unauthorized substances or refusal of testing is grounds for prompt termination from care.
9. Prescriptions and bottles of narcotic tablets may be sought by other individuals with chemical dependency and should be closely safeguarded. In addition they may be hazardous or lethal if a person who is not tolerant to their effects, especially a child, should inadvertently take them. It is expected that the patient will take as much care with the medication and the prescription as would be taken with a driver's license or a large sum of cash.
10. Medications will not be replaced if they are lost, fall into the toilet, are eaten by pets, left on a plane, stolen or for any other reason. Early refills will not be given. If the patient uses a month's supply of medication in three weeks, you will not be given an early refill. You are responsible for ensuring you have enough medication to last according to the limitations of your insurance. Insurance overrides will not be permitted.
11. If responsible legal authorities have questions concerning the patient's treatment as might occur, all confidentiality is waived and these authorities may be given full access to CNMRI records of narcotic administration.

**12. It is understood that the failure to adhere to these policies will result in a permanent cessation of narcotic prescribing by this physician and may be grounds for dismissal from the practice.**

I agree to use \_\_\_\_\_ Pharmacy, located at \_\_\_\_\_.

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ for filling prescriptions for all my narcotic medications.

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Patient Signature    Date

Physician Signature    Date

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Print Patient Name

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Print Physician Name