



**Effective 8/17/15**

Orthopedic Associates of SW Ohio recognizes that pain management is a vital part of the care and recovery process. It is therefore important to us that you are aware of certain policies our office has adopted with regard to dispensing prescriptive pain medicine.

Following any surgical procedure and/or fractures, whether it be a result of trauma or an elective procedure, you will be discharged with care instructions and a pain prescription based on the severity of the surgery or injury you sustained.

The physician will monitor and manage your post-operative pain for a maximum period of 90 (ninety) days following the date of injury or surgery. During the time that you are under the influence of pain medication, we advise that you not drive or not operate machinery.

If following the 90 (ninety) days, you still require a significant amount of prescriptive pain medication, your provider may refer you to your Primary Care Physician or our Pain Management program for evaluation and weaning of the medication.

## **POLICY CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION REFILLS**

- Pain medicine cannot be phoned in.
- Refills of pain medication will only be given during an office appointment.
  - Exclusion – if prescription must be changed due to allergy or problems with prescribed medication.
    - You must show a photo ID to pick up a prescription.
    - If you have delegated someone to pick up for you, they must be listed on your 'Consent for Communication' form and they will need to show a photo ID.
- The physician on call will NOT prescribe pain prescription refills at night or on weekends. If the pain is severe enough for you to require additional medication, we recommend you go to the nearest Emergency Department to evaluate your pain.

[ ] I have read the above information and understand the prescription policy of this office.

Patient's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Printed name \_\_\_\_\_