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PATIENT RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE MEDICATIONS

Controlled substance medications (i.e., narcotics, tranquilizers and barbiturates) are very useful, but have a high potential for misuse and are, therefore, closely controlled by local, state and federal governments. They are intended to relieve pain, thus improving function and/or ability to work. Our physicians are dedicated to restoring functional use in an efficient and functional manner.

1. Please phone early in the day or week for refills or a change in medications, as we will not be able to accommodate your request after hours or on weekends. Should you need a prescription or refill other than during office hours, you may need to be seen in an emergency room and evaluated by the attending physician.
2. **Refills** of controlled substance medications:
 - **Will be made only during regular office hours**, Monday through Friday, and either during a scheduled office visit or as determined by your physician. Refills will not be made at night, on weekends, or during holidays.
 - **Will not be made** if you "run out early", "lose a prescription", or "spill or misplace" your medication. You are responsible for taking the medication in the dose prescribed and for keeping track of the amount remaining.
 - **Will not be made** as an "emergency" such as on Friday afternoon because you suddenly realize you will run out tomorrow. You must call at least 24 hours ahead if you need assistance with a refill.
3. **You are responsible for the controlled substance medications prescribed to you.** If your prescription is lost, misplaced, stolen or if you "run out early", please understand that medication **will not be replaced**.
4. It may be deemed necessary by your doctor that you see a medication-use or other specialist at any time while you are receiving controlled substance medications. Please understand that if you do not attend such an appointment, your medications may be discontinued or may not be refilled beyond a tapering dose to completion. Also understand that if the specialist feels that you are at risk for psychological dependence (**addiction**), your medications will no longer be refilled.
5. Driving a motor vehicle may not be allowed while taking controlled substance medications and it is your responsibility to comply with the laws of the state while taking the prescribed medications.
6. **If you violate any of the above conditions**, your prescription for controlled substance medications may be **terminated immediately**.
7. If you are involved in obtaining controlled substance medications from another individual, forging or altering a controlled substance prescription, or using non-prescribed illicit (illegal) drugs, your prescription for controlled substance medications will be terminated immediately and you may also be reported to all of your physicians, medical facilities, and appropriate authorities. Please understand that these actions are grounds for the ending of your relationship with Rockford Orthopedic Associates.

Print patient name and date of birth

Patient Signature/Responsible Party

Date

Witness signature

Date