

Mid-Illinois Hematology & Oncology Associates, Ltd.

Prescription Pain Medications and Narcotics/Controlled Substance Policy

In an effort to align our practice with the CDC and federal law, our office has established a new pain medication policy. (Effective 11/01/2017)

If you are receiving a pain medication to treat a condition outside of ACTIVE cancer treatment, palliative care and end-of-life care you will abide by the following standards:

- Pain medication must be taken as prescribed. Patients should not increase the medication dosage or frequency without consulting the nurse practitioner, or a physician of Mid-Illinois Hematology & Oncology Associates, Ltd.
- You are personally responsible for the safekeeping of your medication. Do not sell, trade or give it away. If your medication is damaged, stolen or lost you must file a police report first before contacting our office for a refill.
- Unless the patient is under an active treatment plan, we require that the patient has been seen by one of our health care providers monthly. If the patient has not seen us within the recommended time frame for follow-up, an appointment will be necessary before refills can be authorized.
- If long-term pain management is required, the patient will be referred to a pain clinic or to his or her primary care physician.
- In accordance with the CDC guidelines at minimum, a annual and/or random urine drug screening may be required for a refill. If the patient does not leave the urine specimen when required, this would be considered to be in violation of the pain contract.

Refill Policy

- Patients are strongly encouraged to plan ahead! Please avoid waiting until your medication has almost run out before contacting our office for a refill.
- Refills will not be filled earlier than three days before your prescription runs out.
- All requests for prescriptions refills of medications must be completed during office hours (8:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday). For the patient's safety, the chart must be available for review before a medication can be prescribed or refilled.
- Our physicians are not always in clinic when the patient calls, so we require a 24 hour notice for your prescription refills. Refill requests made after 3:00pm on Friday will not be filled until the following Monday.
- For patient safety, this office requires the patients to get their pain medications from one medical doctor only.
- Please note that narcotics will not be refilled after hours, on weekends, or non-national holidays.

These policies are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and your provider has the right to deny a medication or refill request. Mid-Illinois Hematology & Oncology Associates, Ltd. has the right to terminate a patient from the practice if a patient cannot follow these guidelines.

I have read and understand the above stated prescription and pain medication policy for Mid-Illinois Hematology & Oncology Associates, Ltd. and understand that health information technology is used to obtain my medical/medication history.

Signature of Patient or Responsible Party

Date of Birth

Date

Patient Name (Please Print)

MRN: