



The Pain Medicine and Rehabilitation Center

## Patient Treatment Agreement

**You are required to adhere to the policies of The Pain Medicine & Rehabilitation Center (PMRC) or you will be discharged from our care. Our goal is to provide safe and effective treatment for your Chronic Pain Syndrome while protecting the community from the risk of drug abuse which may result in death. Your partnership with this treatment agreement is the first step toward our goal.**

**For female patients who are pregnant or may become pregnant must** be aware that taking opioids and many other medications while pregnant risk the health of their unborn fetus. Taking opioids while pregnant may create fetal opioid dependency and cause permanent organ damage to the unborn fetus.

1. All patients seen at our facility must have a primary care physician. If you do not, you must obtain one within three months of your initial visit.
2. If you accept a prescription for narcotics/opioids, sleeping pills, muscle relaxers or other medications from PMRC you may not accept duplicate or similar prescriptions from another provider. In the event of a medical emergency and you are seen by another provider and a similar prescription is given to you, you must call our office within 48 hours and explain the situation. We have 24hr voice mail. You must know the name of the provider, date seen and name of prescriptions you were given.
3. Random urine drug screens are standard practice at PMRC. If you are asked to provide a urine sample and you either can't void or refuse to void, you will be discharged on that day. We reserve the right to call you into the office for a "same day" urine test AND pill count or risk discharge. The absence of a prescribed drug suggests non-compliance and possible abuse and is grounds for discharge. The Presence of a drug not prescribed or disclosed to our office at time of urine collection also suggests non-compliance and possible abuse and is grounds for discharge. Any illicit collection such as marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines and others, is grounds for discharge.
4. Cancellation policies for an office appointment: Please call at least 24 hrs. prior OR you may be charged \$25 fee. For a procedure appointment: Please call 3 business days prior OR you may be charged a \$100 fee. After 3 failed appointments in a year may result in your discharge. If you are going to be LATE to your appointment, please call ahead to let us know you are running late. If > 15 minutes late, your appointment may need to be rescheduled depending on the office flow that day.

5. Payment is due at time of service and is expected without explanation. We accept cash, credit cards and debit cards. We do not accept checks or Medicaid and we do not make payment agreements.
6. Monthly appointments are required if you are on monthly prescriptions. If you need a prescription refill between appointments, please call our office 7 days in advance. No exceptions.
7. Limit use to one pharmacy for your opioids. Opioids are also known as “narcotics” or “pain medications.” Opioids are known to have addictive qualities. Taking an opioid does not mean you will become addicted, but you must understand there is a risk of addiction with this type of medication. Addiction is defined as craving for a medication once the need for that medication is resolved.
8. It is illegal to tamper with a prescription, to sell a prescription or share a prescription. Any of these actions is a felony and is grounds for discharge from this practice. You are expected to take all medications exactly as prescribed by this office unless an allergic reaction is suspected. In this case, stop the medication in question and call the office to report your symptoms.
9. Physical or verbal abuse such as arguing in a loud voice, swearing, or threatening the staff will not be tolerated. This behavior is grounds for discharge from the practice.
10. UPON DISCHARGE for any reason, any medication prescribed to you by this office will be continued short term with wean down instructions to prevent withdrawal for each medication in your system. If you test negative for a prescribed medication, there will be no wean down or renewal of that medication.

**FOR YOUR SAFETY, Do not drink ALCOHOL while on any medication prescribed by this office.** Doing so may result in death. Alcohol in a UDT will result in discharge from the practice.

My Signature below indicates that I have read and understand the 10 PMRC Patient Treatment Agreement Policies and I agree to be compliant while a patient here. I also understand, failure to comply will result in my discharge as a patient at PMRC:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_