

## OMH Orthopedics Pain Medication Prescribing Information

OMH Orthopedics provides short-term pain management for traumatic, pre-surgical and post-surgical pain situations. The providers at OMH Orthopedics do not routinely perform pharmacologic (prescription drug) management of chronic pain conditions.

There are risks associated with improper use of narcotic pain killers (opioids). They include but are not limited to: Physical and psychological dependence, addiction, abuse, overdose, respiratory depression and death.

For these reasons you must use the medications only as directed. You must not share your medication with others or use other people's medication. (It is also illegal to do so). Proper disposal of unused medication is also important.

We, the care givers, at OMH Orthopedics are careful to dispense these medications judiciously while caring for your needs. We try to progress to non-narcotic medications along with alternative methods (heat / ice, rest, elevation, immobilization) to control your pain as quickly as possible. We realize that this is not always feasible. ***If you need a refill of your medications, please notify the office at least 2 full business days prior to using up all of your medication. These prescriptions must be picked up at the office and taken to the pharmacy to be filled. Narcotic prescriptions cannot be called or faxed to the pharmacy.*** Unfortunately, weekend, holiday and after hour renewals will not be done by the on-call physician.

If circumstances have changed and the pain is worsening, or other complications have arisen you should seek urgent reassessment by anyone in our office, by your primary care provider or go to the emergency room for evaluation. Changes in your condition cannot be evaluated safely over the phone.

If you have questions or concerns with any of the above information, please contact our office at 989-732-1753.