

BAY AREA SPINE CARE MEDICATION POLICY

- All medications are to be taken as prescribed. If a patient takes medication in excess of what is prescribed and runs out of the medication early (prior to refill date), the refill will not be authorized early.
- Without advance written authorization from the doctor, a patient who has not been examined within the preceding 90 days will not be eligible for medication refills.
- Telephone calls for medication refills placed on surgery days, Mondays and Wednesdays, may not be followed-up until Thursdays. Therefore, the patient needs to constantly monitor the amount of medications they have left and not wait until they are out of medication before calling for refills.
- It is preferable for a patient to contact their pharmacy and have the pharmacist fax a refill request
- We will only prescribe pain medications and refills for our post-operative patients up to 3 months from the surgery date. Exceptions will only be made in unique cases.
- We do not prescribe narcotic pain medications to patients who have not undergone surgery with us.
- Narcotic pain medications prior to surgery should be prescribed by either the patients' primary care physician or by a pain management doctor. Patients are to take these medications as ordered by the original prescriber.
- If a patient currently has a pain management physician, they will be referred back to them after surgery to optimize the post-operative pain management protocol.
- We do not fill prescriptions on nights or weekends.
- Lost or stolen medications may not be refilled until the next approved refill
- If you need a refill on a prescription please let us know 72 hours in advance of running out.
- Medications are refilled Monday through Friday during business hours (9:00am - 5:00pm) only.
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