

Pacific Coast Spine Institute and Pain Center

PATIENT TREATMENT CONTRACT

Patient Name _____ **Date** _____

As a participant in Pain Management treatment I understand that I may be prescribed medication(s), and that Pacific Coast Spine Institute and Pain Center has important policies regarding prescription treatment and general care. Treatment may not begin without this signed contract.

I agree to accept this treatment contract as follows:

1. I agree to keep and be on time to all my scheduled appointments.
2. I agree to adhere to the payment policy outlined by this office.
3. I agree to conduct myself in a courteous manner in the doctor's office.
4. I agree not to sell, share, or give any of my medication to another person. I understand that such mishandling of my medication is a serious violation of this agreement and would result in my treatment being terminated without any recourse for appeal.
5. I agree not to deal, steal, or conduct any illegal or disruptive activities in the doctor's office.
6. I understand that if dealing or stealing or if any illegal or disruptive activities are observed or suspected by employees of the pharmacy where my prescriptions are filled, that the behavior will be reported to my doctor's office and could result in my treatment being terminated without any recourse for appeal.
7. I agree that my medication/prescription can only be given to me at my regular office visits. A missed visit may result in my not being able to get my medication/prescription until the next scheduled visit.
8. I agree that the medication I receive is my responsibility and I agree to keep it in a safe, secure place. I agree that lost or stolen medication will not be replaced for any reason.
9. I agree not to obtain medications from any doctors, pharmacies, or other sources without telling my treating physician.
10. I understand that mixing medications, especially benzodiazepines (for example, Valium, Klonopin, or Xanax), can be dangerous. I also recognize that several deaths have occurred among persons mixing buprenorphine and benzodiazepines (especially if taken outside the care of a physician, using routes of administration other than sublingual or in higher than recommended therapeutic doses).
11. I agree to take my medication as my doctor has instructed and not to alter the way I take my medication without first consulting my doctor.

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PATIENT TREATMENT CONTRACT (CONTINUED)

12. I understand that medication alone is not sufficient treatment for my condition, and I agree to participate in counseling as discussed and agreed upon with my doctor and specified in my treatment plan.
13. I agree to abstain from alcohol, opioids, marijuana, cocaine, and other addictive substances (excepting nicotine).
14. If I have been prescribed narcotics, I agree to submit blood or urine samples to detect the use of other medications and/or substances or other health effects whenever my physician deems it necessary.
15. I understand that violations of the above may be grounds for termination of treatment.

_____ Date _____

Patient Signature

Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Dependence Patient Records

The confidentiality of alcohol and drug dependence patient records maintained by this practice/program is protected by federal law and regulations. Generally, the practice/program may not say to a person outside the practice/program that a patient attends the practice/program, or disclose any information identifying a patient as being alcohol or drug dependent unless:

1. The patient consents in writing;
2. The disclosure is allowed by a court order, or
3. The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to qualified personnel for research, audit, or practice/program evaluation.

Violation of the federal law and regulations by a practice/program is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to appropriate authorities in accordance with federal regulations.

Federal law and regulations do not protect any information about a crime committed by a patient either at the practice/program or against any person who works for the practice/program or about any threat to commit such a crime.

Federal laws and regulations do not protect any information about suspected child abuse or neglect from being reported under state law to appropriate state or local authorities.