



Advanced Surgical Associates (ASA) Prescription Narcotic Policy

Due to the widespread abuse/dependence of oral prescription narcotics and their implication in the overdose deaths of thousands of Americans every year, our practice and many others are establishing practice guidelines to minimize narcotic prescriptions in the routine care of our surgical patients. We are focusing on alternative and multi-modality treatment strategies to combat this epidemic.

ASA does not provide long-term pain management services. If long-term pain management is required, you will be referred to a pain management physician or your primary care physician.

If you are on chronic narcotics from a pain management physician, you will need to receive your post-operative pain medicine from that physician, unless pre-arranged with us prior to your surgery.

Initial Prescription: You may receive a pain medication prescription (sent electronically) either beforehand or immediately following your surgical procedure to treat post-operative pain. Prescriptions are written for an appropriate amount of tablets and the expected number of days you may need them, based on your type of surgery.

Refills: Refills of your post-operative narcotic pain medication may be sent electronically based on your physician's discretion. These will typically only be refilled 1-2 times, within a 2 week period following surgery. Medications are to be taken according to directions. No early refills will be granted.

Routine refill requests will only be authorized between 8am – 5am, Monday – Thursday, and between 8am – 12:00pm (noon) on Fridays. Routine refill requests will be denied after hours, during the weekend, or on Holidays. Refills requested during these times will be referred to the Emergency Room.

The Arizona State Board of Pharmacy monitors each physician's prescribing record on a quarterly basis. Physicians are required by law to query all patients receiving a prescription for a controlled substance.

Are you able to take a schedule II medication? (Examples of **Schedule II narcotics** include: hydromorphone (Dilaudid®), methadone (Dolophine®), meperidine (Demerol®), oxycodone (OxyContin®, Percocet®), and fentanyl (Sublimaze®, Duragesic®), morphine, opium, codeine, and hydrocodone Yes No

Patient's Printed Name: _____

Patient's Signature: _____ Date: _____