



Opioid Prescription Patient Agreement

Please consider this information carefully before agreeing to take your _____ prescription.

The decision to take prescription opioids is your choice. Prescription opioids can be used to help relieve moderate to severe pain when recovering from a surgery. Medications are an important part of your treatment and you should work closely with your prescribing doctor to understand the risks and benefits of taking any medications, including opioids. Knowing your options for pain management is important. Pain relievers such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen and naproxen may be the best choice and have fewer risks and side effects.

Side effects of this pain medication:

This medication can be addictive. Opioid overdose can cause slowed breathing and even be fatal

-Dizziness, light-headedness, feeling faint

-Itching and sweating

-Confusion, depression, sleepiness

-Nausea, vomiting, constipation

If you discuss your pain management options with your doctor and decide to take a prescribed opioid:

- **You must not drink alcohol with this medicine.** If you take this medication and drink alcohol, it can slow down your breathing, or stop it altogether
- **Always take the prescribed opioid as directed** by your prescribing doctor and never take more than your doctor ordered, or more frequently than your prescribing doctor ordered.
- **Never use another person's prescription opioids** or share, sell or trade your own prescription opioids.
- Do not take other medications or prescribed opioids from other doctors without informing them of any and all medications you are taking and to **avoid any potential drug interactions.**
- **Report any and all medications and health issues** to your prescribing doctors before taking opioids and bring the pill bottle with you to any hospital or doctor's visits.
- **Report any addiction problem to your doctor.** The prescribing doctor will prescribe an appropriate number of pills to manage your pain. If your medicine is lost, stolen or used up sooner than prescribed, your medication may not be replaced. If a refill is required, contact your doctor's office during normal business hours. No refills will be provided on nights, holidays or weekends.
- **When you take this medicine, you should not drive.** If you are driving and are stopped while on this medication you may be charged with a DUI.
- **You should not run machinery or other heavy equipment.** You may have difficulty thinking clearly or responding quickly when taking this medicine, which could place you or others around you, in danger.
- **Store this medicine in a locked cabinet, drawer or lockbox.** Because of its potential for addiction and misuse, this medicine should be kept away from anyone not prescribed. Do not share this medication.
- **Properly dispose of any unused prescription opioids.** Additional info at www.fda.gov and www.cdc.gov.

My signature acknowledges I have read/understand the information above and my questions have been answered:

Patient's (or Legal Guardian's) Signature

Date

Print Patient's (or Legal Guardian's) Name/Relationship

Date