

AA Spine & Pain Clinic
Pain Management Agreement
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I, _____ understand that in order to receive care for the treatment of pain at AA Spine & Pain Clinic, I agree to comply with the following:

- A. **USE OF MEDICATIONS:** I will take all medications as prescribed. I will speak with a provider at AA Spine & Pain Clinic before making any change in either the dose or frequency of taking my medications. There will be no early refills of pain medications due to self escalation of medications. Narcotic pain medications must all be obtained from the same pharmacy (any exceptions must be approved by AA Spine & Pain Clinic).
- B. **SEEKING PRESCRIPTIONS:** I will neither seek nor fill prescriptions for any medications related to pain relief from any other health care provider unless authorized by AA Spine & Pain Clinic
- C. **MEDICAL RECORDS RELEASE:** I will inform all of my health care providers that I receive pain management through A.A. Spine & Pain Clinic and will maintain an unrestricted and current medical records release on file with AA Spine & Pain Clinic. I authorize AA Spine & Pain Clinic to provide a copy of the Pain Contract to release medical information to necessary pharmacies.
- D. **MENTAL HEALTH:** A mental health assessment and/or continuing psychological therapy may be required. If I am currently involved in mental health therapy, or if I enter such therapy, I will authorize my mental health practitioner to exchange unrestricted information regarding my condition and treatment with the healthcare providers of AA Spine & Pain Clinic
- E. **DRUG SCREENING:** I will participate in drug screening as a part of my treatment plan. I understand that drug screening will be conducted quarterly and may be required more frequently at the discretion of AA Spine & Pain Clinic Screening may include urinalysis, blood testing and/or pill counts. I agree to pay any and all costs associated with drug testing not covered by my insurance. Refusal to submit to screening at the time specified may result in termination of service.
- F. **ALCOHOL USE:** Any use of alcohol with prescriptions is against clinic policy. Testing for alcohol use may be added to random and routine urine drug screens at the discretion of the physician. Any use of alcohol deemed inappropriate by the physician will be grounds for termination from AA Spine & Pain Clinic.
- G. **ILLEGAL AND NON-PRESCRIBED DRUG USE:** I understand that the use of any controlled medication, not prescribed by AA Spine & Pain Clinic, may result in termination of care. I authorize AA Spine & Pain Clinic to cooperate fully with any city, state, or federal law enforcement agency. I agree to waive any applicable privileged, right of privacy, or confidentiality with respect to these authorities. I also understand that the use of any illegal substance including marijuana will result in termination of care by AA Spine & Pain Clinic.
- H. **LOST OR STOLEN MEDICATION:** I agree to safeguard all medication prescribed by AA Spine & Pain Clinic and understand that **lost, stolen, or damaged medications will not be replaced.**
- I. **PRESCRIPTIONS WHILE TRAVELING:** AA Spine & Pain Clinic may choose to provide prescriptions for up to 60 days when I am traveling out of state. I will only be eligible for early medication when proof of travel can be obtained. Identification includes paper ticket and electronic confirmation sheet that shows how much I paid. I will have to arrange for shipment of controlled substances by my pharmacy at my own expense. If I will be out of state longer than 60 days, I need to arrange for my health care at my travel destination. On return to Anchorage, I need to advise AA Spine & Pain Clinic of the name and address of my provider out of state. I also authorize AA Spine & Pain Clinic to contact my provider to obtain any detailed information deemed necessary in my medical care.

- J. **DRIVING AND OPERATING EQUIPMENT:** Many pain medications can cause drowsiness and/or a very relaxed state of mind causing operation of equipment or vehicles to be dangerous. I agree to refrain from driving or operating dangerous equipment for 72 hours after any change in medication dosage and whenever I feel drowsy.
- K. **MISSED APPOINTMENTS:** I will contact the clinic if I will be 5 to 10 minutes late. If I arrive more than 15 minutes late, I will be rescheduled. Three missed appointments per year are grounds for termination from AA Spine & Pain Clinic.
- L. **CANCELLATIONS:** As of **September 1, 2008**; we require a 24 hour notice to cancel or reschedule your appointment. Appointments missed, rescheduled due to tardiness, or rescheduled without a 24 hour notice will result in a **\$50.00** fee to the patient.
- M. **CHARGES:** All fees from patients are due at the time of visit. Non-payment of fees may result in the account being sent to collections and patient termination from AA Spine & Pain Clinic.
- N. **TERMINATION:** I will no longer be eligible for care at AA Spine & Pain Clinic if I am in possession of illicit drugs or substances, trafficking of controlled or illegal substances, intoxicated or convicted for DUI. If I forge or alter the prescriptions in any way, sell or share medications, or fail to comply with this contract, I will no longer be eligible for care at AA Spine & Pain Clinic.
- O. **TREATMENT OF STAFF:** Our clinic has a zero tolerance policy for verbal abuse towards our staff. Swearing, yelling at, or threatening our staff will result in termination from our clinic.
- P. **EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS:** I am allowed to receive pain medication in the emergency room, but it is a violation of the AA Spine & Pain Clinic contract to receive narcotic medication to take home and it must be discussed with the on-call doctor prior to receiving medication. A violation includes any prescription and/or samples.

Have you ever had any medical or legal problems with alcoholism, drug abuse (including marijuana), addiction or drug trafficking? If yes, please explain:

Have you used any illegal drugs (including marijuana) within the past six months? If yes, list the drugs you have used and when:

Have you used any prescription drugs for which you did not have a personal prescription within the past six months? If yes, please explain:

I HAVE THOROUGHLY READ THIS AGREEMENT BEFORE RECEIVING TREATMENT AT A.A. SPINE & PAIN CLINIC I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS OF CARE DESCRIBED ABOVE AND WILL COMPLY WITH THEM. ALL OF MY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN ANSWERED. I KNOW THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THESE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE TERMINATIONS OF SERVICE.

Reviewed contract and answered all patient's questions (MA): _____ Date: _____

Patient's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Practitioner Signature: _____ Date: _____