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**Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**

**PAIN MANAGEMENT POLICIES**

Dr. Morris considers the management of pain and the use of prescription medications to be a very important part of his interactions with his patients. The following listed policies detail our and your responsibilities in properly managing this essential concern during your treatment.

1. The decision of which medication, dosage, and quantity to prescribe is based on Dr. Morris' experiences with his prior patients for over 30 years. The following factors contribute to that decision:
  - a) the age of the patient
  - b) the weight of the patient
  - c) the difficulty of the procedure
  - d) the anticipated length of recovery
  - e) the patient's medical history, allergies, and current medications
  - f) the patient's prior experiences with similar medications and surgeries
  - g) the acute vs. chronic nature of the problem
  
2. Our goal is to properly manage your pain, while at the same time balancing the guidelines established by sound medical principles and federal regulations. The inappropriate use or prescribing of narcotics can lead to addiction and complicate a patient's recovery.
  
3. It is the responsibility of the patient to safely secure written prescriptions or medications (particularly narcotics). Lost or stolen prescriptions for pain control will not be refilled until the next scheduled office visit.
  
4. It is our responsibility to know all the medications that our patients are taking with particular emphasis on medications used for pain control. Therefore, we may consult with your referring dentist, your physician, or your pharmacist to protect your health. Patients who obtain narcotics from multiple sources will be refused further prescriptions and referred to a physician experienced in pain management.
  
5. Should you have pain beyond the level of a prescribed medication's effectiveness, please call our office for additional pain control suggestions or for different pain medication prescriptions. Our office reserves the right to ask the patient to bring their unused medications to our office to be disposed of by our staff in order to avoid overmedication events.
  
6. If pain management is a particularly important issue that concerns you, a frank discussion with Dr. Morris prior to any treatment is strongly suggested.
  
7. Requests for prescription refills will be processed during our normal office hours—not on holidays, weekends, or after business hours.

I have read and understand the above policies and agree to abide by those policies while a patient of Dr. Morris.

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Patient Signature

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Date

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Witness Signature

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Date