PRESCRIPTION DRUG POLICY

The law requires responsible usage of drugs by doctors and patients. If you accept prescription form Dr. Mehta, you are also accepting the responsibility to use the drug for yourself only and only as prescribed. Our responsibility is to prescribe the medication in an appropriate dosage and amounts with clear instructions. We will answer any questions you have about the drug prescribed.

Drugs have the potential for abuse and are regulated closely by the state and federal agencies. More closely controlled drugs (narcotic pain medication and tranquilizers) require even more responsibility on your part. Pain medications are in the same family as stronger more harmful drugs such as morphine or heroin. Actually, pain pills can block perception of pain, but when they wear off, you feel the pain more because your body has not made endorphins (natural pain pills) and the body thinks it does not need its own natural remedy. When the pain pills wear off, you may experience worse pain than before. Therefore, we must be careful in the prescribing of these medications to ensure they are medically necessary. We will accept NO excuses for medication loss or theft and will not order replacements. We will not prescribe narcotics if you are using them other the exactly prescribed or receiving them from another source. Any change if pharmacy is you choice and therefore, your responsibility to notify our office.

Many drugs are appropriate for short term use only. Our office policy is to prescribe pain medication only if necessary and in your best interest post surgically for 3 to 4 days following your procedure. We may also require the consultation of other specialties to help decide on the course of action when we disagree about your continued use of a substance. We may decide not to refill any medication if it is deemed not medically necessary. Otherwise, we hold to a no narcotic policy.

Our office requires 24 to 48 hour call in policy for refills of prescriptions. Please call for refills before 12:00 pm on Fridays and before 4:00 pm on other weekdays. Medications will not be filled after normal business hours or over the weekend.

Failure to follow these policies will force our practice to terminate our professional relationship and may require us to file a report with the Department of Professional Regulations or the local police.

If you are in agreement with all information stated above, please sign and date the line below.

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