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In an effort to ensure our patients are compliant with their treatment plan, we have instituted a policy of drug testing in accordance with the most recent medical literature on this subject. All patients receiving prescriptions will be subject to random drug screening. Failure or refusal to produce a sample at the time requested will disqualify you from receiving further prescriptions from this practice. We send all of our samples to a certified laboratory for confirmation. If results are inconsistent with your treatment plan at any time, we reserve the right to discontinue treatment. It is your responsibility to take your medications as prescribed. Inconsistent results include the presence of illicit substances, the presence of medications not prescribed to you or the absence of medications prescribed. Do not try to manipulate the test. Current drug testing methods are very sophisticated and measure the prescribed medications as well as metabolites. The laboratory will be able to differentiate between samples that are consistent with treatment plans and samples that have been tampered with. Any confusing results will be interpreted as inconsistent. If you are taking your medication as prescribed, there should not be any confusion in the results.

We understand there is a cost associated with testing. Unfortunately this is now a necessary part of therapy. While most insurance plans cover much of the cost of testing, it is your responsibility to pay the costs not covered by insurance.

We understand that some of our patients are elderly or incapacitated and obtaining a sample can be inconvenient. Unfortunately, we cannot and do not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, nationality, religious or sexual orientation and all patients will be subject to this policy. The intent of this policy is to protect the patient, the physician, the therapy and society.

Remember the use of these potent prescriptions is a privilege. As a patient it is your responsibility to use your medication as prescribed. It is unlawful to sell or give your medication away. It is your responsibility to keep your medicine secured and away from children or others who may misuse or divert it. This policy may be amended in accordance with new medical findings or legislature mandates.

The following are a few terms that you should be familiar with that will cause you to be disqualified from receiving prescriptions from this practice.

Abuse – The willful misuse of medications, for example, to get high.

Overuse – Taking more medication than prescribed.

Diversion – Unlawful channeling of regulated pharmaceuticals from legal sources to the illicit market.

Illicit – Not legal or lawful; illegal

Patient Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____