

**Subject:** Narcotics Policy

**Effective Date:** 7/6/2017

**Purpose:**

To stay in compliance with Indiana law and ensure appropriate prescribing procedures for narcotics, including the use of Tramadol.

Any use of the word narcotics in this policy includes Tramadol.

**Policy:**

In accordance with Indiana law, there are separate policies for narcotic refill prescriptions for acute pain and chronic pain management.

Acute pain: First-time prescriptions for narcotic drugs are limited to a seven-day supply.

- Must schedule and complete a one-week follow-up for reassessment and continuation of pain management.

Chronic Pain Management:

- Anyone being titrated for Chronic Pain Management must have follow-up appointment every 2 months
- Anyone stabilized on medications must have follow-up appointment every 4 months

Above appointments are dedicated only to discussing narcotics, specifically appointments for medication management. Any labs, DI, or other issues must be discussed at a separate visit.

- A Pain Management Contract must be completed and filled out at time of initial prescription and then once yearly. Random drug tests will be done at discretion of provider. INSPECT reports will be completed at every visit.

