

SCOTTSDALE NEUROLOGICAL CONSULTANTS
POLICY ON NARCOTIC PAIN MEDICATIONS

Dear Patient:

It has come to our attention that many of our patients are unclear on our policy in prescribing narcotic pain medications (also known as Class III drugs).

Scottsdale Neurological Consultants is not in the practice of long term pain management. Therefore, should pain related medications be required a one time, 3 month (90 day) prescription will be issued. We feel that with alternative treatments and/or physical therapy there should be marked improvement at the end of the 3 month period, that no further pain medication should be necessary. If at the end of the 3 month period further pain management medications are needed, you will be referred to your primary care physician for additional medication refills, or we can refer you to a pain management program or specialist.

Furthermore, it has been a longstanding policy that **NO** medication refills will be done after office hours, on Fridays or over the weekends. Please plan ahead and contact your pharmacist before the time that your prescriptions run out. Also, pain medications will not be phoned in but will be in written form only, the patient will be required to be seen in follow-up and to pick up the prescription from the office.

Should you have any questions in this matter, please feel free to discuss it with your physician at the time of your appointment.

Sincerely,

Scottsdale Neurological Consultants

PATIENT
SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____