



VASCULAR SURGERY ASSOCIATES

Your first choice for vascular care

### Narcotic/Opioid Prescription Policy

As part of our ongoing commitment to provide the best possible care for our patients, and consistent with concerns regarding community opioid use, abuse, and dependency, our practice policy is outlined below. It is our sincere intention to provide the best possible pain relief for our post-operative patients and to balance this with responsible prescribing practices.

- There will be no narcotic or opioid refills after office hours, nights, weekends or holidays
- We will not continue or refill narcotic prescriptions provided by a practitioner outside of our group
- Narcotic and opioid prescriptions will not be provided pre-operatively
- Patients undergoing major inpatient surgical procedures will be provided with a 14-day supply of oral analgesics at discharge
- Patients undergoing outpatient surgical procedures will receive a 7-day supply
- Patients undergoing outpatient percutaneous (catheter) procedures will use over the counter agents
- Any refills for narcotics will be for a successively milder form until the patient is transitioned to a non-prescription agent
- No narcotic or opioid refills will be provided after 6 weeks of surgery. Any further narcotic requirements will result in a referral to a chronic pain clinic for which a contact list will be provided

By signing below I acknowledge the above conditions for narcotic and opioid prescriptions of Vascular Surgery Associates.

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Signature

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Date

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Patient name

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Date of birth

Effective August, 2017