

INFORMED CONSENT FOR OPIOID USE

I have agreed to use opioids as part of my treatment to manage surgery related chronic of postopeative pain. I understand that these drugs are useful in managing my pain, but have a high potential for addiction and/ or dependency. I understand that I can discuss possible alternatives for this opioid prescription with my surgeon and have furnished a complete and accurate medical history (including pregnancy, if applicable) and list of the medications I currently am taking or have taken in the last 6 months, including information about mental history and drug and/ or alcohol use. Because my surgeon is prescribing such medication to manage my pain, I acknowledge that I have made aware of the following information and agree to the following conditions:

- 1. I am responsible for my pain medications and agree to take the medication not more frequently than prescribed and only if needed to manage pain. I understand that increasing my dose without my surgeon's knowledge could lead to a drug overdose causing severe sedation and respiratory depression and possibly.
- 2. Without prior disclosure to my surgeon, I will not request or accept controlled substance medication from any other healthcare provider or individual while I am receiving such medication such medication from my surgeon.
- **3.** There are side effects with opioid medication, which may include but not be limited to, skin rash, constipation, sexual dysfunction, sleeping abnormalities, sweating, edema, sedation, confusion, depression, increased sensitivity to pain or the possibility of impaired motor ability. As a result, when I take these medications, it is not safe for me to drive a car or operate dangerous machinery.
- 4. I have been made aware that I may become addicted to these medications (opioids) and may require addiction treatment. Overuse of this class medication can lead to physical dependence and the experience of withdrawal sickness if I stop use or cut back too quickly. Withdrawal symptoms feel like having the flu and may include: abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, sweating, body aches, muscle cramps, runny nose, yawning, anxiety and sleep problems.
- 5. I understand that the opioid prescription I have been given is for my own use and attest that I will not give or sell any portion of the prescription to another individual.

Patient Name (print)	Signature	Date	
 Staff Name (print)	Signature	 Date	