



Narcotics Policy

In accordance with our policy Friendly Neighborhood Health Clinic, PLLC will not prescribe or manage chronic pain with narcotics or opioids. In addition, *no narcotics will be maintained on the clinic premises*. In accordance with recommendations by the **Federation of State of Medical Boards** we will direct those patients in need of the use of controlled substances to pain specialists and experts for further evaluation, treatment, and monitoring.

Acute & Chronic Pain Policy

At Friendly Neighborhood Health Clinic, PLLC we are committed to evaluating and treating pain at every visit. There are a multitude of options for treating acute pain including oral medications, intramuscular injections, intravenous medications, suppositories, nerve blocks, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation, relaxation techniques, hypnosis, exercise, use of heat and or cold, massage, pressure and vibration, repositioning, immobilization, that we can prescribe or refer patients for. We offer conservative narcotic-free treatment of chronic pain that is associated with some medical conditions.

The treatment of chronic pain with opioids has been associated with hundreds of overdose deaths, abuse, filtering of narcotics into our schools and society, and loss and suspension of physician licenses. Our clinic is not set-up for the management of chronic pain with narcotics or opioids. In addition, no narcotics will be maintained on the clinic premises. In accordance with recommendations by the **Federation of State Medical Boards**, we will direct those patients in need of the use of controlled substances to pain specialists and experts for further evaluation, treatment, and monitoring.

I have read and understand the policy above and agree to follow the policy of the clinic. I understand that if my condition requires pain management Friendly Neighborhood Health Clinic will refer me to the appropriate specialist.

Signature

Date