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Prescription Policy

Prescriptions are an important tool to providing you with appropriate medical care. So that you receive the prescriptions you need in a timely fashion, we ask that you abide by the following policy.

1. Please be sure to get all the routine and maintenance prescriptions you need at your yearly exam. Routine and maintenance prescriptions include birth control pills, hormone replacement therapy, blood pressure medicine, etc.
2. Should you need a refill before your yearly exam, routine and maintenance prescriptions will only be refilled during regular office hours. Please do not call the service after hours for routine and maintenance prescriptions. The doctor on call will not respond to these requests.
3. If it has been more than one year since your last yearly exam, your prescription request will be denied. You must maintain your yearly exam schedule to receive prescription refills.
4. Please allow at least 24 hours for all refill requests. Do not wait until the last minute to call for your refill, as we may not be able to accommodate your request as quickly as you need.
5. To avoid drug interactions the patient must inform us of all medications being prescribed by other physicians and all over-the-counter medications the patient is taking.
6. New prescriptions or refills for narcotic pain medications will not be given over the phone. If a patient needs a new prescription or an additional refill, they must make an appointment and have their pain evaluated. No prescriptions for narcotics will be phoned in or refilled on the weekends.
7. Patients who receive narcotic prescriptions will be required to use one pharmacy chain (i.e. Giant, CVS, or Rite Aid, etc.). They may not switch from one pharmacy chain to another.
8. If a patient is receiving narcotics from another physician and they fail to inform us, the patient will be discharged from our practice.
9. Patients should be aware that pharmacies and insurance companies routinely alert physicians when a patient is receiving the same or similar medications from more than one physician or, in the case of insurance companies, if they feel the medication is being prescribed in a way that is not the standard of care.
10. If a patient refuses to follow this policy, their prescription request will be denied.