



CONTROLLED MEDICATIONS PRESCRIPTION POLICY

Since the inception of **North Carolina's STOP ACT in July 2017**, Cone Health Primary Care Kernersville no longer uses narcotic pain medication or other controlled substances when treating new patients with chronic pain or chronic medical issues. We do treat new patients with chronic pain using non-narcotic medicines, physical therapy and other modalities, depending on the condition.

We reserve narcotic pain medication as an occasional tool for pain management to improve function while a patient is recovering from an **acute** injury or condition. Cone Health Primary Care may prescribe a narcotic pain medication for temporary relief of acute pain (5 days or less) or for an injury that will require surgical intervention.

We have created this policy because there is growing concern among medical providers regarding the safety of these medicines with risk for overdose and addiction.

We will not replace a stolen or lost prescription for narcotic pain medicine or other controlled substance.

The following medications are not prescribed at this clinic: Suboxone, Nucynta (Tapentadol), Demerol, Methadone, and MS Contin. This list is not comprehensive.

This clinic reserves the right to restrict all controlled substance medications based on safe and appropriate medical care for our patients.

Cone Health Primary Care Kernersville utilizes the North Carolina Controlled Substance Reporting Database.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and will abide by the Cone Health Primary Care Kernersville Controlled Medications Prescription Policy.

Signed by: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____