

Narcotic Medications Policy

Narcotics are **highly addictive** pain medications that can create side effects such as constipation and lethargy. Many narcotics, such as Percocet/Oxycodone/Oxycontin and Vicodin. Some of these medications also contain acetaminophen (Tylenol), which if taken in increasing doses can cause *liver failure and even death*. Narcotic pain medications are highly addictive and must be used with caution because they cause tolerance whereby the body adapts to them and, in order to achieve pain relief, the body requires increasing doses.

For these reasons, Dr. Martin prescribes narcotic pain medications with caution. Nevertheless, in the appropriate situations, such as after an injury or after surgery, Dr. Martin will provide prescriptions for pain medicines for patients with acute pain.

Dr. Martin does not specialize in chronic pain management. If pain becomes a chronic problem or if the requests for narcotics become excessive, disproportionate to the clinical problem, or prolonged (greater than 2-3 months from injury or surgery), Dr. Martin will refer you to the Pain Management Clinic at Massachusetts General Hospital, Faulkner Hospital or Brigham & Women's Hospital in order to receive specialist care for this area.

Also note, that it is the strict policy of this office that narcotics and other pain medication prescriptions will NOT be refilled on weekends or after hours. Please allow for up to 2 days for mailing of some medication prescriptions.

Pain Management Clinic at:

Massachusetts General Hospital	(617) 726-8810
Brigham & Women's Hospital	(617) 732-6707
Faulkner Hospital	(617) 983-7080

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