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Policy on Controlled substances:

Sleep, anxiety and an inability to concentrate are often treated with helpful medications that unfortunately are misused by some. When misused there are possible dangers of accidents, seizures, accidental overdoses and toxic effects (such as when these medications are used in large doses, mixed with alcohol, marijuana and other illegal drugs, and even medications prescribed for blood pressure, pain, and allergies). These medications, when misused can interfere with metabolism of other medications and cause potentially dangerous interactions. To prevent problems the following polices will be followed.

1. Controlled substances will not be prescribed or refilled on weekends or holidays. A 72 hour notice is required for all refill requests.
2. A patient must be seen a minimum of every 6 months in order to be prescribed controlled medications. Additionally, any requests for controlled medications following a canceled or no show appointment will be denied.
3. If a patient loses or has a controlled prescription stolen, he/she may be discharged from the practice. If there is evidence of abuse, misuse or an inability of a patient to control their use, no further prescriptions for controlled substances will be given. Repeated requests for early refills will result in a patient being discharged from the practice.
4. Controlled medications are clearly labeled as such and you should ask your pharmacist or physician if you have any questions.
5. No prescriptions for opiate-like pain medications will be prescribed. A patient should contact their primary care physician or a pain center for such medications.

Patient's Name: _____

Date: _____