

Fall General Surgery, LLC

Guidelines for Pain Management Using Narcotics

It is the policy of Fall General Surgery physicians to provide adequate pain medications to promote comfort during a time of treatment and healing to all patients. However, due to the potential abuse of narcotics we abide by a policy intended to provide relief while preventing the misuse or illegal distribution of such substances.

Pre-Operative

- Appropriate narcotic use, one week prior to surgery date

Peri-op & Inpatient Recovery

- Appropriate narcotic control

Post-op – First Week

- Narcotic control daily over first week (7 days)

Post-op – After one week

- No narcotics in absence of objective data to substantiate a complaint of pain (i.e. fever, elevated white blood count, CT scan, Ultrasound)

If the patient feels they need further narcotic medication, under these conditions – they will be referred to their family physician or to a pain clinic (i.e. Duluth or Eau Claire).

No narcotic prescriptions will be written between the seven days post-op and appointment with either the family physician and/or pain clinic appointment.