Partners in Pediatrics

Stimulant Prescription Policy

The medication that your child is being prescribed is a stimulant medication, which is often used to treat Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), or disorders of impulse control.

While these medications can be very effective, it is important that your doctor checks your child's growth, blood pressure, and other side effects at regular intervals. This is routinely done at a "Medication Check" appointment.

When consenting to start a stimulant medication, you agree to the following:

1. It is the clinic policy to prescribe no more than a 3-month supply of medication. Refills must be approved by your prescribing doctor for each request.
2. You will allow 2-3 business days for medication refill requests.
3. You will select one provider to be your child's Primary Care Provider, and plan to see that provider for every Medication Check appointment in order to facilitate continuity of care. If you would like to change providers within our clinic, please notify our staff.
4. You will schedule a Medication Check appointment every 3-4 months to evaluate effectiveness, need for changes, and to monitor for side effects.
5. If your child has not been seen in the past 6 months for a Medication Check, they must be seen in the clinic by their provider PRIOR to any further medication being prescribed.
6. Your child will take the stimulant only as prescribed and you will make no changes to the dose without provider approval.
7. You will notify their provider if your child is being prescribed other controlled substances (i.e. opioids, benzodiazepines, sedatives, etc.), including those prescribed after surgery, an accident, or by a physician outside of our group, such as a psychiatrist.
8. You will not share your child's medication with anyone or use the medication in a manner other than prescribed.
9. Your child will not use illegal substances. In the event that drug use is suspected, their provider may choose to stop prescribing the medication.
10. Your child will not obtain stimulants from other sources. If there are multiple sources of stimulants, their provider will stop prescribing the medication.
11. Our providers may choose to stop prescribing the stimulant if the patient fails to follow the provider's advice, is at high risk for major side effects, is having major side effects, or fails to keep appointments.

Your child's safety and wellbeing are our number one priority. Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your child. It is our goal to work together with you, your child, and our community to help your child achieve success.

Sincerely,

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