



Advanced Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PAIN MEDICATIONS

Over the objections of practicing physicians, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency has reclassified drugs containing hydrocodone from Schedule III to Schedule II, **effective October 6, 2014.**

What does this mean?

- Prescriptions for these drugs must now be written on government approved paper prescription pads only
- Physicians are not allowed to prescribe new prescriptions or refills over the phone
- Refills are prohibited without an office visit or consultation with your doctor

Please be mindful of these new government mandates when requesting refills of your pain medications. We apologize for any inconveniences these regulations are likely to cause, and appreciate your patience and understanding as we implement these new regulations.

Thank You.