

Newbridge strongly adheres to the following medication policy:

- Patients requiring opiate (narcotic) therapy while having nerve block procedures at Newbridge will be required to sign an “Opiate Contract” and visit Newbridge for an appointment each month.
- Patients are required to bring all prescription containers to each visit to receive a prescription refill.
- Once a patient’s condition is stabilized, the patient may be referred back to their primary care physician, or to another pain management physician in the area, for medication management.
- Newbridge has a no tolerance policy for opiate (narcotic) misuse and patients violating the opiate contract will be discharged from Newbridge.
- Patients suspected of misusing or abusing medications will be discharged from Newbridge.
- Patients altering prescriptions will be discharged from Newbridge and reported to the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).
- Newbridge reserves the right to conduct random urine screening and random medication counts on any patient at any time without prior notice to the patient.
- Patients on narcotic therapy who increase the recommended dosage on their medications will run out of medication prior to a scheduled refill. These patients may experience withdrawal symptoms and have to go to the nearest emergency room for treatment.
- Patients not following recommended dosage of medications will not receive early prescription refills.
- Patients failing to attend an appointment will not receive a medication refill until they visit with a Newbridge physician.
- Newbridge does not refill any prescriptions reported to be lost, stolen or in any way damaged.
- Patients receiving non-narcotic medications are required to visit with a physician every 3 months.
- Prior to any change in medication type or dosage, patients must visit with a Newbridge physician and present the remaining doses of previous medications prior to receiving new medication(s). (Patients are not permitted to destroy or throw out any remaining unused medications.) Newbridge physicians reserve the right to not issue new prescriptions to patients not presenting remaining medication as required.

Statement of Release of Liability

Narcotic therapy patients choosing to drive may be charged for driving under the influence of drugs. Newbridge is not responsible if a patient chooses to drive while taking prescribed medications which may cause drowsiness or decrease reaction time. If the manufacturer of a medication advises that a patient not drive while taking said medication, then it is the policy of Newbridge to follow the recommendations of the manufacturer and instruct the patient not to drive while taking the medication(s).

Urine/Oral Drug Screening

Patients at Newbridge authorize random urine drug testing, as deemed necessary by a physician, by signing the required consent form in the new patient packet. Each patient has the right to refuse any drug screen. However, by denying the requested screen, patients agree they may be terminated from Newbridge.

Patients with illegal drugs in a specimen, or showing an absence of opiates even though a prescription has been issued, will meet with a physician to discuss the results of the test. At that time, the physician may choose to wean the patient off all opiates or give the patient a month’s supply of medications and discharge the patient from the practice. Newbridge physicians reserve the right to report drug violations to the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency.