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A note about Pain Management at Summit Medical Clinic

To our new patients,

As your new primary care provider (PCP) I would like to take a moment to explain to you our guidelines regarding pain management.

First, we are your **primary care physician**, or **PCP**, this is a physician/medical doctor who provides both the first contact for a person with an undiagnosed health concern as well as continuing care for a variety of medical conditions. We possess a set of skills and scope of practice that includes basic diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of common illnesses and medical conditions. As well, Dr. Arora is a Board Certified Nephrologist able to diagnose and treat kidney related diseases.

We are **NOT** pain management doctors, nor are we specialists in prescribing narcotic, sedative, hypnotic, anxiolytic medicines, *it is very important that you understand this*. For these conditions, you should see a specialist, a doctor who can best treat you for those medical conditions. To you, as our new patient, that means we will **NOT** prescribe those types of medications (Vicodin, Oxycontin, Norco or Xanax, Ambien, Lexapro, Celexa, to name a few), even if they were prescribed to you by your previous physician.

If you feel you have made a new patient appointment in error, please be considerate and call to cancel your appointment with us. **If you have fully read and understand our guidelines we ask that you sign below as your acceptance of these guidelines.** If you have any questions we will be glad to answer them for you before we proceed with your new patient appointment.

Patient Signature

Date

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