







## DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATIENTS TAKING OPIOIDS

Opioid medications can cause side effects that impair your ability to drive. The final decision on whether you should drive while using opioid medications is a legal issue and should be addressed with your automobile insurance carrier. Out of concern for your safety and the safety of others, please observe the following guidelines:

- Do not drive for 4 – 5 days after beginning opioid treatment or after a change in opioid treatment such as a dose increase.
- Do not drive if you ever feel sedated or cognitively impaired.
- Report sedation/unsteadiness/cognitive decline to our office as soon as possible.
- Under no circumstances should you use alcohol or illicit drugs such as cannabis (marijuana) and drive.
- Avoid taking over-the-counter antihistamines, as contained in numerous cold and allergy medications.
- Do not make any changes in your medication regimen without consulting our office.

Patient Name	
Patient Signature	Date
Practitioner Signature	Date