

Grand River and St. Mary's Emergency Departments are acute care facilities, not chronic pain centres. Use of narcotics and other restricted substances such as barbiturates and benzodiazepines/sedatives, requires ongoing monitoring for both **safety** and **effectiveness**.

During your visit today, you will be asked if you have obtained any analgesics (pain killers) or restricted substances within the last thirty (30) days. **The name of the prescribing practitioner will also be required.** Failure to supply true and accurate information to our staff is a chargeable criminal offence*.

Our physicians are here to help you, but we are under no obligation to either re-new or begin pain treatment with narcotics. We can provide non-narcotic methods of pain control, including alternative pain solutions. Non-narcotic treatments are available should you be experiencing withdrawal symptoms.

We welcome the opportunity to address your emergent medical needs all day, every day, as best we can. Thank you for your understanding of this practice.