

TALLAPOOSA CIRCUIT DRUG INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Richard C. Sutton
Superior Court Judge

Angela Norris
Program Coordinator

NOTICE TO MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Re: _____ DOB: _____

Dear Medical Professional,

Please be advised that the above-referenced patient is a participant in the Tallapoosa Circuit Drug Intervention Program. Admission to this program is based on a current diagnosis of Substance Dependence, as defined in DSM-IV.

Participants are required to inform all medical professionals, from whom they may receive treatment, of their involvement in drug and alcohol treatment. Our protocol also requires participants to disclose past drug abuse patterns and provide documentation verifying this notice to medical professionals.

We request that our participant's sensitivity to drugs of abuse be considered when you prescribe prescriptions or injections in their treatment. We ask you to consider these additional factors:

- Potential increased tolerance to painkiller medications, due to the participant's potential of past drug abuse of these medications;
- Use of non-narcotic pain relievers;
- Limiting the quantity of narcotic pain relievers to the minimum necessary;
- Limiting the number of refills available;
- Recommending non-medicinal coping strategies for anxiety/sleep issues in lieu of prescribing Xanax, Valium, Ativan, Halcion, Deseryl, Ambien, etc.

While it is not the intent of our Program to have our participants needlessly suffer pain, we feel that close communication between them and their medical providers is a key component in the ir achievement of stabilized recovery.

We appreciate your consideration and cooperation in this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Drug Intervention Program Coordinator

I have read the above Notice to Medical Professionals.

Physician's Signature

Date

Encl: Release of Information

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