



Pain Management in the Emergency Department

Welcome to the Emergency Department of Logansport Memorial Hospital.

It is our desire to provide excellent care to you during your emergency department visit. Excellent care means that we perform a thorough evaluation of your condition and offer appropriate and/or necessary treatment in a kind, respectful and compassionate manner.

For your safety, we will follow these guidelines when managing acute or chronic pain:

- We do not routinely *give* narcotic pain medicine shots (injections) for acute flare ups of chronic pain.
- We may not prescribe narcotic pain medications for acute or chronic pain after a medical screen exam is completed.
- We do not refill stolen or lost prescriptions for narcotics or controlled substances.
- We do not provide missed doses of narcotic pain medications.
- We may not prescribe long-acting or controlled-release opioids for acute or chronic pain.
- **We reserve the right to request a urine drug screen** and to contact your provider(s) to discuss your care and treatment while you are in the emergency room. If you do not have a doctor, we will provide information to assist you in establishing a Primary Care Provider. Follow-up with a Primary Care Provider or specialist for definitive and continued care is your responsibility.
- Health care laws allow us to request your medical record and share information with other providers or facilities that are treating you while you are in the Emergency Department.
- The providers in the Emergency Department may check a database that tracks controlled substance prescriptions for a patient.
- Frequent users of the Emergency Department may have care plans made to assist the provider in improving your care. The plans may include avoiding medicines likely to be addictive or abused.
- We expect our patients to be honest about all their medications. It is against the law to attempt to obtain controlled substance pain medicines by deceiving the provider caring for you. This includes getting multiple prescriptions from more than one provider.