

**DATE:** October 8, 2019

**Policy Title:** Controlled Substances Policy

**Purpose:**

Due to the clinical and legal complexities regarding the prescribing of controlled substances in primary care practices, ***the policy at IPMS is to only prescribe controlled substances in rare circumstances.***

Specifically regarding ***pain management***: We recognize that the diagnosis and treatment of pain is integral to the practice of medicine. We believe that the best choice for our patients with chronic pain concerns is to be evaluated and treated by specialists at a comprehensive pain management center. Fortunately, we have qualified pain management specialists in our area and IPMS providers will be able to provide a referral for our patients when needed.