## **Frost Family Medicine**

## **Controlled Substances Policy**

Abuse of Controlled Substances is a constant problem in the practice of medicine. At Frost Family Medicine (hereby FFM), we take our responsibility to prescribe these types of medications very seriously. To do otherwise would risk our own licensure, our reputation, and the patient's wellbeing.

These include, but are not limited to, opioid medications, such as Oxycontin, Percocet and Lortab, as well as benzodiazapenes, such as Xanax, Ativan, or Valium.

We will not prescribe Controlled Substances on a first visit. We will prescribe them when, in our clinical judgement, they are necessary.

Patients that require large doses of these medications, or patients that are on them chronically, will need to need to be established with a Pain Specialist. If you are not, we will gladly provide you a referal.

We have the ability to access your prescription history from anywhere in the state of South Carolina. Any patient that is found to be "doctor shopping", receiving narcotics from multiple sources, or violating our sacred professional trust, will be immediately released from our practice.

Read and acknowledged,		
Name of Patient	_	Date
Signature of Patient	_	

Thank you for your understanding.