ORDERING SCHEDULED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES POLICY
(Sample protocols for Furnishing Standardized Procedures)

The nurse practitioner is authorized to furnish or order scheduled controlled substances per the following protocols:

PROTOCOLS

General
1) The nurse practitioner follows the provisions of the Standardized Procedure for Furnishing.
2) The controlled substances that may be ordered are included in the formulary(s) or references listed in this document.
3) Relevant scheduled drug contracts, DEA requirements, and all State and Federal regulations are adhered to.
4) Schedule II & III controlled substances are furnished or ordered following the Patient Specific Protocol, in addition to these General Protocols for Scheduled Controlled Substances.
5) The nurse practitioner may furnish, prescribe or order any medications on the patient’s insurance formulary or non-formulary medications for which there is no substitute, within the scope of the provider’s license and within the scope of UCI ordering policies.
6) All other applicable Standardized Procedures in this document are followed during health care management.
7) All General Policies regarding Review, Approval, Setting, Education, Evaluation, Patient Records, Supervision and Consultation in these Standardized Procedures are in force.

SCHEDULE III PATIENT SPECIFIC PROTOCOL
1) Schedule III substances may be furnished or ordered when the patient is in one of the following categories, including but not limited to the following conditions:
   a. Acute Illness, Injury or Infection: such as cough, fractures
   b. Acute intermittent but recurrent pain: such as headache
   c. Chronic continuous pain
   d. Hormone replacement
2) Limit order for acute illness, injury or infection to a maximum of [Insert number of days of treatment – recommend following CDC’s Guidelines] days & no refills without reevaluation.
3) For chronic conditions:
   a. Pain management protocol or department guidelines is/are adhered to, if appropriate.
   b. Amount given, including all refills (maximum of 5 in 6 months per DEA regulations, is not to exceed a 120 day supply as appropriate for the condition.
   c. Treatment plan must be established in collaboration with the patient’s primary care provider and reviewed, with documentation, every 6-12 months.
   d. No further refills without reevaluation.
4) Education and follow up is provided.

SCHEDULE II PATIENT SPECIFIC PROTOCOL
1) Schedule II controlled substances may be ordered when the patient has one of the following diagnoses and under the following conditions.
   a. Pain from cancer, post-operative pain, and trauma.
   b. Pain unresponsive to, or inappropriately treated by CS III-V substances
   c. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
   d. Neuropsychiatric Conditions
2) Limit order for acute and chronic conditions as specified above in Schedule III Protocol.
3) No refills for CS II medications are authorized except where authorized by the DEA.
4) Pain Management Protocol or Department guidelines is/are adhered to if appropriate.