

Patient Name:  
Patient Health Card Number:  
Patient Date of Birth:

Pain Management Program  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
268 Grosvenor Street  
London, Ontario N6A 4V2  
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### PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT LETTER

Dear Doctor:

Your patient has been referred to the outpatient Pain Management Clinic of St. Joseph's Health Care in London either by yourself or another doctor. After our assessment we may recommend the initiation of certain medications or, in some cases, the prescription may be initiated by our clinic physician. As we must discharge patients from follow-up in order to see new patients, we require your agreement that you will take over long-term prescribing of these medications once the treatment regimen is optimized.

Medications which could be recommended or initiated by us may include anti-depressants, antioconvulsants and controlled substances such as opioids and oral cannabinoids.\* If the daily dose of opioids prescribed is higher than 200 morphine-equivalents/day, the "watchful" dose suggested by the Canadian Guidelines for Safe and Effective Prescribing of Opioids (2010), the discharge letter from the clinic doctor will provide rationale for the dose.

If you are not the primary care provider for the patient, please ensure this treatment agreement letter is sent to that physician to review. This letter must be signed and received by us in order to accept the referral.

**Are you willing to prescribe medications recommended by the St. Joseph's Pain Management Clinic physician including opioids and/or oral cannabinoids?**

YES ☐

NO ☐

Physician Signature:

Physician Name (please print):

\*Oral cannabinoids such as Cesamet® carry a very low risk of addiction and have no street value.

Sincerely,

The Physicians at the St. Joseph's Pain Management Clinic

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