**ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS**

**Prescribing medications within the correctional systems is a complex and challenging process. Several medications (which may be prescribed in the community) represent dangerous substances in our setting due to nationwide patterns of abuse, misuse or diversion. Like most clinical entities, our system also follows a very strict formulary list of preferred agents in all medication categories. As a consequence, medications that may be prescribed in the community are not commonly authorized for prescription in the correctional setting. Unlike private facilities, penal institutions are strictly prohibited from prescribing off-label or experimental medications / therapies to insure that patient’s civil liberties and health care is not compromised in any way.**

**Please review the list of prohibited and restricted medications, and prepare to discuss alternative treatment strategies (when indicated) during your visit with the medical provider. The list is an example of the most commonly presented medications, but is not intended to be a complete list of restricted agents. Each patient case will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine the most appropriate medical care, and this may include other restricted agents if deemed medically necessary.**

**NARCOTIC ANALGESICS:**

PERCOCET, DARVOCET, OXYCODONE, HYDROCONE, MORPHINE, DILAUDID, TYLENOL #3, VICODEN, TRAMADOL, FENTANYL IN ANY FORM, NICOTINE PATCH OR GUM

**ANTISPASMOTIC AGENTS AND MEDICATIONS FOR FIBROMYALGIA:**

ROBAXIN, METHOCARBAMOL (FLEXERIL), GABAPENTIN, LYRICA

**BENZODIAZEPINES:**

LIBRIUM, VALIUM, XANAX, ATIVAN, KLONOPIN, TEMAZEPAM, OXAZEPAM, FLURAZEPAM (UNLESS PRESCRIBED SHORT TERM FOR ALCOHOL OR BENZODIAZEPINE WITHDRAWAL PROTOCOLS)

**PSYCHOSTIMULANT AGENTS**

RITALIN, VYVANSE, DEXEDRINE, ADDERALL, CONCERTA, FOCALIN

**SEDATIVE/HYPNOTICS:**

AMBIEN, SONATA, LUNESTA, RESTORIL, SEROQUEL, TRAZODONE - NOTE: NO MEDICATIONS ARE PESCRIBED FOR SLEEP, EXCEPT IN THE CONTEXT OF A DIAGNOSED SLEEP DISORDER (EG. OSA )

**OPIATE AGONISTS / ANTAGONISTS:**

NALTREXONE, SUBOXONE, METHADONE NALOXONE