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CONSENT FOR TREATMENT WITH CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

1. **Controlled substances.** All controlled substances are prescribed to treat a variety of conditions. Controlled substances are drugs or chemical substances whose possession and use are regulated under the Controlled Substances Act. These drugs include, but are not limited to sleep agents, narcotics, narcotic analgesics, anxiety, male hormone replacements and drugs for Attention Deficit Disorder. The law requires that patients are informed of the risks, benefits and alternatives of taking certain controlled substances.
2. **Adverse Effects.** As with any medication, there are risks and adverse effects associated with the use of these controlled substances. Common adverse effects include, but are not limited to, sedation or sleepiness, nausea, vomiting, constipation, pruritus ("itching"), confusion, respiratory depression, and urinary retention. Some of these effects may make it unsafe for you to drive a vehicle, operate heavy machinery, perform other tasks that require concentration or be unsafe to use while pregnant. Excessive use of these controlled substances can lead to profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and/or death.
3. **Physical Dependence, Tolerance and Addiction.** Although uncommon when used for the treatment of acute pain, these controlled substances can cause physical dependence, tolerance, and/or addiction when used for a prolonged period to treat chronic pain. Maintenance therapy with these controlled substances can cause physical dependence. This means that if these medications are abruptly stopped or decreased significantly over a short period of time, a patient may experience withdrawal symptoms such as nervousness, irritability, insomnia, sweating, abdominal cramping, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Tolerance occurs when the effects of these controlled substances are decreased over a period of prolonged use making it necessary to increase the dosage. Physical dependence and tolerance are different than addiction. Addiction is a complex disease characterized by compulsive craving or seeking and use of a substance despite its extreme negative effects on a person. The risk of addiction may be increased in a patient with a history of alcoholism or other addiction.
4. **Alternatives.** These controlled substances are routinely prescribed to treat moderate to severe conditions. Other modalities are available to treat conditions that are not associated with tolerance or addiction, however, are associated with a lower level of relief. It is also an alternative to not take any medicine to treat these conditions.
All controlled substances must be obtained at the same pharmacy, where possible. Should the need arise to change pharmacies, our office must be informed. The pharmacy that you have selected is:

Please contact your pharmacist for guidelines regarding proper disposal of controlled substances.

I, _____, voluntarily consent to the receipt of controlled substances for the treatment of pain and/or other symptoms as prescribed by Dr. John E. Hammen/ William D. Shaver. I have been informed of the benefits, risks, and alternatives to taking these medications. I acknowledge that I have read and understood all of the information above and I had the opportunity to ask questions and have them answered to my satisfaction.

DATE

Patient/Parent/Guardian/Power of Attorney

Relationship to Patient

DOB

John E. Hammen, DMD or William D. Shaver, DMD