

KELLIWOOD FAMILY PRACTICE

ADD/ADHD TREATMENT POLICY

Persons with ADD/ADHD should be checked regularly by their health care provider. During these check ups, the provider will want to hear feedback from parents about your child with ADD/ADHD. The doctor may suggest that your child take a break from his or her medication once in a while to see if the medication is still necessary. Talk with the doctor about the best time to do this—school breaks or summer vacation might be best. The teacher's comments about the child are also important. The doctor will want to check a person with ADD/ADHD after the medicine dose has been changed. The length of time a person takes the medicine depends on each person. Everyone is different. While some people only need a short treatment, such as 1 to 2 years, others need treatment for years. In some people, ADD/ADHD may continue into adolescence and adulthood.

In order to provide the best quality of care to each patient, our office policy is as follows:

- 1) Because of the potential adverse side effects of ADD/ADHD medications, all patients (adults and children) receiving ADD/ADHD medications must be evaluated by the doctor at a minimum of every three months. Prescriptions will not be given for any patient beyond this three month period.
- 2) A 30 day written prescription must be picked up at our office monthly. **Please note that a 48 hour notice is required to process refill prescriptions.**
- 3) Controlled substance prescriptions, as directed by the Drug Enforcement Administration, expire after seven (7) days. **Any prescription that is lost, not picked up or not filled within the seven day period will be reissued along with a \$10.00 administrative fee.**
- 4) Patients who feel they need a dose change must be evaluated by the doctor.
- 5) Parents of minor children must accompany the child at the office visit.