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Welcome!

Your physician has sent a request that you be evaluated by the Pain Medicine Center of Central Illinois. The Center offers personalized pain management plans, which include multiple modalities for pain control (e.g. nerve blocks, steroid injections, diagnostic injections).

Your first visit to the Pain Medicine Center will include a comprehensive evaluation and a targeted physical examination to attempt to determine the cause(s) of your pain. Treatment may include multiple sessions for injections, medications, and/or diagnostic injections and may include physical therapy and RS medical evaluation.

For the most effective evaluation and treatment of your pain, you may be referred to other specialists, such as neurologists, psychologists/psychiatrists, neurosurgeons, and orthopedic surgeons. These evaluations will be at the discretion of the pain medicine physician treating you. If you are referred to another specialist, your continued treatment in the Pain Medicine Center requires your compliance with these referrals.

Note: Patients who habitually miss appointments or who miss 3 appointments without advance notification will be discharged from the Pain Medicine Center.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return to the Pain Medicine Center at the time of your first appointment. Use a red pen for marking on the enclosed pain diagram, and **bring along all medications you are taking in their prescription bottles**. This will enable us to obtain correct dosages and instructions.

**An injection or treatment may be appropriate during this first visit. Please do not eat for 4-6 hours and do not drink for 2 hours prior to your visit. Any anticoagulation therapy (Coumadin, Plavix) should be stopped for 5 days, if approved by the prescribing doctor. A driver will be needed to take you home after treatment.**

If you have any questions prior to your appointment, please call the Pain Medicine Center at 464-7458.

Sincerely,

John M. Furry, M.D.  
Medical Director