

At **North Houston Orthopedics and Sports Medicine**, our physicians take the responsibility of treating you with pain medications very seriously. Due to an increase in prescription drug abuse, we are implementing drug screenings in conjunction with Global Molecular labs. This protective measure is to assist in the government-wide effort to reduce the impact drug abuse has on public health and safety in this country.

Please note on August 22, 2014 the DEA published a new rule in the Federal Register, reclassifying all hydrocodone-containing products (e.g. Norco, Vicodin, Lortab) as a Schedule II controlled substance. These changes went into effect nationally on October 6, 2014. **If you are prescribed these medications, you will be subject to stricter regulations.** In addition, North Houston Orthopedics and Sports Medicine will refer you to a pain management facility or specialists if you require long term treatment with any type of hydrocodone-containing product.



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