

Informed Consent For Psychoactive Medications

Resident Name: _____ Attending Physician: _____

What is a psychoactive medication? A psychoactive medication is prescribed by a Physician, Physician’s Assistant (PA), or Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) for the treatment of symptoms of psychosis or other mental or emotional conditions. The medication is used to exhibit an effect on the central nervous system in order to treat a psychiatric or emotional condition. When treating symptoms, they are used to help influence, modify and or improve an individual’s behavior, cognition, or affective state.

Which drugs are considered “psychoactive” for the purpose of informed consent? The term psychoactive medication or drug for purposes of informed consent includes the following categories:

- 1. Anti-anxiety agents
- 2. Anti-psychotic or neuroleptic
- 3. Antidepressant
- 4. Agent to control mania or depression, e.g. mood stabilizers
- 5. Sedative, hypnotic, or other sleep promoting medication
- 6. Psychomotor stimulant

When can a psychoactive medication be administered? Psychoactive medications cannot be administered **until** consent has been obtained **unless** the resident is having a medication-related emergency.

What is a medication related emergency? A medication related emergency is one caused by threats, attempts, or other acts the resident overtly or continually makes or commits that:

- 1. Can cause imminent substantial bodily harm (emotional or physical) to themselves, or
- 2. Can cause imminent physical or emotional harm to another.

A Physician, PA, or APN has prescribed the following psychoactive medication(s) AND proposed course of treatment for each:

Information about (1) Specific Condition Being Treated, (2) the Beneficial Effects Expected, and the (3) Possible Side Effects/Risks for each of the above listed medications are outlined on the attached information sheets.

Check circumstances under which this information was presented and consent obtained or denied:

- Admission Condition change Medication change Other (Please Explain)

