

INFORMED CONSENT FOR MEDICATION

Completion of this form is voluntary. If informed consent is not given, the medication cannot be administered without a court order unless in an emergency.  
This consent is maintained in the client’s record and is accessible to authorized users.

Name – Patient / Client (Last, First MI)		ID Number	Living Unit	Date of Birth
Name – Individual Preparing This Form		Name – Staff Contact		Name / Telephone Number – Institution

MEDICATION CATEGORY	MEDICATION	RECOMMENDED DAILY TOTAL DOSAGE RANGE	ANTICIPATED DOSAGE RANGE
Vesicular monoamine transporter 2 (VMAT2) inhibitors	Austedo®, Austedo XR® (deutetrabenazine)	Immediate release tablets: 6 mg orally twice daily with a maximum dose of 48 mg/day for tardive dyskinesia. Extended release tablets: 12 mg orally once daily with a maximum dose of 48 mg/day.	

The anticipated dosage range is to be individualized, may be above or below the recommended range but no medication will be administered without your informed and written consent.  
Recommended daily total dosage range of manufacturer, as stated in *Physician’s Desk Reference* (PDR) or another standard reference.  
This medication will be administered ☐ Orally ☐ Injection ☐ Other – Specify:

1. Reason for Use of Psychotropic Medication and Benefits Expected (note if this is ‘Off-Label’ Use)  
Include DSM-5 diagnosis or the diagnostic impression (“working hypothesis”).

2. Alternative mode(s) of treatment other than OR in addition to medications include

- Note: Some of these would be applicable only in an inpatient environment.
- ☐ Environment and/or staff changes
- ☐ Rehabilitation treatments/therapy (OT, PT, AT)
- ☐ Positive redirection and staff interaction
- ☐ Treatment programs and approaches (habilitation)
- ☐ Individual and/or group therapy
- ☐ Use of behavior intervention techniques
- Other Alternatives:

3. Probable consequences of NOT receiving the proposed medication are

Impairment of ☐ Work Activities ☐ Family Relationships ☐ Social Functioning

Possible increase in symptoms leading to potential

- ☐ Use of seclusion or restraint
- ☐ Limits on recreation and leisure activities
- ☐ Limits on access to possessions
- ☐ Intervention of law enforcement authorities
- ☐ Limits on personal freedoms
- ☐ Risk of harm to self or others
- ☐ Limit participation in treatment and activities

Other Consequences:

**Note:** These consequences may vary depending upon whether or not the individual is in an inpatient setting. It is also possible that in unusual situations, little or no adverse consequences may occur if the medications are not administered.

Client Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Possible side effects, warnings, and cautions associated with this medication are listed below. This is not an all-inclusive list but is representative of items of potential clinical significance to you. For more information on this medication, you may consult further with your physician or refer to a standard text, such as the PDR. As part of monitoring some of these potential side effects, your physician may order laboratory or other tests. The treatment team will closely monitor individuals who are unable to readily communicate side effects in order to enhance care and treatment.
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Continued – Possible side effects, warnings, and cautions associated with this medication.

**Most Common Side Effects:** Diarrhea, xerostomia, drowsiness, tiredness

**Less Common Side Effects:** insomnia, nasopharyngitis, suicidal thoughts, contusion, constipation, agitation, depression, urinary tract infection

**Rare Side Effects:** prolonged QT interval

#### Caution

- **Endocrine and metabolic**  
Hyperprolactinemia has occurred with tetrabenazine.
- **Neurologic**  
Side effects such as worsening in mood, cognition, rigidity, functional capacity may be difficult to distinguish from disease progression in patients with Huntington disease. Akathisia, agitation, and restlessness have occurred in patients with Huntington disease and tardive dyskinesia. Parkinsonism, difficult to distinguish from disease progression, may occur in patients with Huntington disease and has been reported in patients with tardive dyskinesia; usually occurred within the first 2 weeks of initiation or dosage increases.
- **Ophthalmic**  
Drug and metabolites bind to melanin-containing tissue; long-term ophthalmologic effects cannot be ruled out.

#### Warning:

##### **Black Box Warning: Oral (Extended Release and Immediate Release tablets)**

Depression and Suicidality in Patients with Huntington's Disease: This medication can increase the risk of depression and suicidal thoughts and behavior (suicidality) in patients with Huntington disease. Anyone considering the use of deutetrabenazine extended release tablets or deutetrabenazine tablets must balance the risks of depression and suicidality with the clinical need for treatment of chorea. Closely monitor for the emergence or worsening of depression, suicidality, or unusual changes in behavior. Report behaviors of concern promptly to the treating physician. Deutetrabenazine extended release tablets and deutetrabenazine tablets are contraindicated in patients who are suicidal, and in patients with untreated or inadequately treated depression.

**Syndrome Note:** Neuroleptic malignant syndrome has occurred with tetrabenazine

See standard reference text for an all-inclusive list of side effects.

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**By my signature below, I GIVE consent for the named medication on Page 1 and anticipated dosage range. My signature also indicates that I understand the following:**

1. I can refuse to give consent or can withdraw my consent at any time with written notification to the institution director or designee. This will not affect my right to change my decision at a later date. If I withdraw consent after a medication is started, I realize that the medication may not be discontinued immediately. Rather, it will be tapered as rapidly as medically safe and then discontinued so as to prevent an adverse medical consequence, such as seizures, due to rapid medication withdrawal.
2. Questions regarding this medication can be discussed with the Interdisciplinary Team, including the physician. The staff contact person can assist in making any necessary arrangements.
3. Questions regarding any behavior support plan or behavior intervention plan, which correspond with the use of the medication, can be directed to the client's social worker, case manager, or psychologist.
4. I have the right to request a review at any time of my record, pursuant to § 51.30(4)(d) or § 51.30(5)(b).
5. I have a legal right to file a complaint if I feel that client rights have been inappropriately restricted. The client's social worker, case manager, or agency/facility client rights specialist may be contacted for assistance.
6. My consent permits the dose to be changed within the **anticipated dosage range** without signing another consent.
7. I understand the reasons for the use of the medication, its potential risks and benefits, other alternative treatment(s), and the probable consequences that may occur if the proposed medication is not given. I have been given adequate time to study the information and find the information to be specific, accurate, and complete.
8. This medication consent is for a period effective immediately and not to exceed fifteen (15) months from the date of my signature. The need for and continued use of this medication will be reviewed at least quarterly by the Interdisciplinary Team. The goal, on behalf of the client, will be to arrive at and maintain the client at the minimum effective dose.

**SIGNATURES****DATE SIGNED**

Client – If Presumed Competent to Consent/Parent of Minor/Guardian (POA-HC)	Relationship to Client <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian (POA-HC)	
Staff Present at Oral Discussion	Title	
Client / Parent of Minor / Guardian (POA-HC) Comments		

**As parent/guardian (POA-HC) was not available for signature, he/she was verbally informed of the information in this consent.**

**Verbal Consent**

Obtained by – PRINT – Staff Name	Date Obtained	Written Consent Received <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Obtained from – PRINT – Parent / Guardian (POA-HC) Name	Date Expires	Date Received