

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
Alpha 1-adrenergic blocker	Cardura®, Cardura XL® (doxazosin mesylate)	Immediate release: 1-8 mg once daily with maximum dose of 16 mg/day. Extended release: 4-8 mg once daily with a maximum dose of 8 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:** Dizziness, drowsiness, headache, lack of energy (fatigue), low blood pressure

**Less Common Side Effects:** Swelling, nausea, somnolence, vertigo, orthostatic hypotension, palpitations, asthenia, anxiety, polyuria, dyspnea, respiratory tract infection

**Rare Side Effects:** Myocardial infarction, hepatitis, intraoperative floppy iris syndrome (IFIS), priapism, angioedema, rash, abdominal pain, cerebrovascular accident, blurred vision

### Caution

Precautions:

- **Cardiovascular**

Postural hypotension and syncope may occur, typically within a few hours after dosing, but may occur later, and most commonly occurs with initial dosing or dose increases; effects may be increased if used with a PDE5 inhibitor. Use with caution in patients with heart failure, angina pectoris, or recent acute myocardial infarction (within the last 6 months).

- **Gastrointestinal**

Use extended-release tablets with caution in patients with preexisting severe gastrointestinal narrowing; obstructive symptoms have been reported. Extended-release tablets in patients with prolonged gastrointestinal transit times (example chronic constipation) may lead to increased drug exposure and adverse effects.

- **Hematologic**

Reversible leukopenia and neutropenia have been reported.

- **Hepatic**

Inform your doctor if you have severe hepatic impairment.

- **Reproductive**

Prostate carcinoma may mimic symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia; prostate cancer screening is recommended prior to initiating therapy for benign prostatic hyperplasia. Priapism may occur, which may lead to permanent impotence.

- **Beers Criteria**

Avoid use as an antihypertensive in older adults this medication can have a high risk of orthostatic hypotension. Avoid use in women with stress or mixed urinary incontinence as it may aggravate incontinence.

### Warning

**Syndrome Note** Intraoperative floppy iris syndrome: If you plan on undergoing cataract surgery, talk to your doctor about this medication.

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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