

INFORMED CONSENT FOR MEDICATION

Dosage and / or Side Effect information last revised on 12/17/2010

Completion of this form is voluntary. If not completed, 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	Birthdate
Name – Individual Preparing This Form		Name – Staff Contact		Name / Telephone Number – Institution

MEDICATION CATEGORY	MEDICATION	RECOMMENDED DAILY TOTAL DOSAGE RANGE	ANTICIPATED DOSAGE RANGE
Central Nervous System Stimulant	Focalin Focalin XR (Dexmethylphenidate)	Tablets—5mg – 20mg daily XR Tablets—10mg – 20mg	

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 IV diagnosis or the diagnostic "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
- Positive redirection and staff interaction
- Individual and / or group therapy
- Rehabilitation treatments / therapy (OT, PT, AT)
- Treatment programs and approaches (habilitation)
- 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 restraints
- Limits on access to possessions
- Limits on personal freedoms
- Limit participation in treatment and activities
- Limits on recreation and leisure activities
- Intervention of law enforcement authorities
- Risk of harm to self or others

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.

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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 or the United States Pharmacopoeia Dispensing Information (USPDI). 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.

More common side effects may include: Acid or sour stomach; belching; dry mouth; headache; heartburn; indigestion; loss of appetite; nausea; stomach discomfort, upset, or pain; throat pain; weight loss

Check with your doctor immediately if any of the following less common side effects occur: Fast, pounding, or irregular heartbeat or pulse. Other less common side effects may include fever; sleeplessness; trouble sleeping; twitching; unable to sleep.

Check with your doctor immediately if any of the following rare side effects occur: Blurred vision; change in near or distance vision; difficulty in focusing eyes.

Get emergency help immediately if any of the following symptoms of overdose occur: Anxiety; bigger, dilated, or enlarged pupils (black part of eye); blurred vision; change in consciousness; chest pain or discomfort; confusion as to time, place, or person; dizziness; dry mouth; dryness of mucous membranes; fainting; false or unusual sense of well-being; fast, slow, or irregular heartbeat; feeling of warmth; fever; hallucinations; headache; holding false beliefs that cannot be changed by fact; hyperventilation; increased sensitivity of eyes to light; irregular heartbeats; irritability; lightheadedness; loss of consciousness; mood or mental changes; muscle twitching; nervousness; overactive reflexes; pounding in the ears; pounding or rapid pulse; redness of the face, neck, arms and occasionally, upper chest; restlessness; seeing, hearing, or feeling things that are not there; seizures; shaking; shortness of breath; slow or fast heartbeat; sweating; tremors such as shakiness; trouble sleeping; unusual excitement; vomiting.

WARNINGS

Amphetamines have a high potential for abuse. Particular attention should be paid to the possibility of subjects obtaining amphetamines for non-therapeutic use or distribution to others, and the drugs should be prescribed or dispensed sparingly.

Drug dependence—Administration of amphetamines for prolonged periods of time may lead to drug dependence and must be avoided.

Serious Adverse Events—Misuse of amphetamines may cause sudden death and serious cardiovascular adverse event.

Chronic abusive use can lead to a marked tolerance and psychological dependence with varying degree of abnormal behavior. Frank psychotic episodes can occur, especially with parenteral abuse. Should be given cautiously to patients with a history of drug dependence or alcoholism. Careful supervision required during drug withdrawal from abusive use since severe depression may occur. Withdrawal following chronic therapeutic use may unmask symptoms of the underlying disorder that may require follow-up. Should be given cautiously to emotionally unstable patients, such as those with a history of drug dependence or alcoholism, because such patients may increase dosage on their own initiative. Careful supervision required during drug withdrawal, since severe depression as well as the effects of chronic over activity can be unmasked. Long term follow-up may be required because of the patient's basic personality disturbances.

See PDR, USPDI or US Hospital Formulary Service for 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 ss. 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, which 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
Obtained from – PRINT – Parent / Guardian (POA-HC) Name	Date Expires	Date Received

Client Initial _____ Date _____