

DSH PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION

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APPENDIX – INFORMED CONSENT FORM (DSH 9181)

I. Informed Consent Form

A. An informed consent form for psychotropic medication will be completed at the following times:

1. Hospital admission
2. Whenever a new psychotropic medication is prescribed
3. As indicated by local DSH facility policy

B. Exceptions include:

1. Emergently prescribed psychotropic medications
2. Psychotropic medications prescribed pursuant to an involuntary medication order
3. When informed consent has been granted by a validly appointed conservator or guardian.

II. The DSH Informed Consent Form (DSH 9181) is at the following web location:

<http://dshinsite.ca.gov/StateHospitals/HospitalForms/Psychiatry/DSH-9181.PDF>

III. The text of the DSH Informed Consent Form (DSH 9181) follows hereafter:

State of California-Health and Human Services Agency
Department of State Hospitals

Informed Consent For Psychotropic Medication

DSH-9181 (new 10/14)

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- a. The nature of the patient's mental condition.
- b. The reasons for taking such medications, including the chances of improvement without the medication.
- c. The reasonable alternative treatments available, if any.
- d. The specific name of the medication prescribed.
- e. The side effects of the medication known to commonly occur, including any special risk for this patient.
- f. The long term health risks of the medication prescribed.
- g. The need for medical monitoring including periodic blood tests as appropriate.
- h. This patient's right or lack of right to refuse the administration of psychotropic medication as prescribed.

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IV. Sample DSH Informed Consent Form (DSH 9181)

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