

## Consent for Psychoactive Medication

1. The nature of his/her physical and mental condition:
  - a. Opioid Withdrawal
2. The expected beneficial effects of his/her condition as a result of treatment with this medication:
  - a. This medication is for the prevention of relapse to the dependence of opioids.
3. The probable health and mental health consequences of not taking medication including the occurrence, increase or reoccurrence of symptoms of mental illness:
  - a. If naloxone is not taken, then the patient will continue to go through opioid withdrawal symptoms and will be at a higher risk of a relapse of opioid dependence.
4. Accepted alternative forms of treatment, if any that could reasonably be expected to achieve the same benefits of the medication and why the physician rejects the alternative treatment:
  - a. The other options for this would be to wait out the withdrawal. This is not good because it is harsh on the body and will be a long recovery. The end result might be that the patient will most likely have a relapse.
5. A description of the proposed course of treatment for the medication:
  - a. The course of treatment will be to monitor labs closely and continue to take medication and taper off.
6. The fact that side effects of varying degrees of severity are a risk of all medications:
  - a. The patient should outweigh the risks and benefits with the ordering physician.
7. The relevant side effects of the medication including
  - a. any side effects which are known to frequently occur:
    - a. Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, depression, dizziness, nervousness, insomnia, and syncope.
  - b. any side effects to which the patient may be predisposed:
    - a. depression and nervousness/anxiety
  - c. the nature and possible occurrence of the potentially irreversible symptoms of Tardive Dyskinesia in some patients taking neuroleptic medication in large doses and/or over a long period of time:

- a. Repetitive chewing, rapid eye blinking/twitching, tongue thrusts, and restlessness.
- d. the potentially harmful side effects and potential danger to an embryo or fetus and the necessity \ to use a reliable means to avoid pregnancy:
  - a. While on this medication it is best to avoid becoming pregnant to avoid adverse effects on fetus.
- 8. The patient advised to notify staff or the provider if any of these side effects occur:
  - a. Suicidal ideation, worsening depression, muscle jerkiness, lethargy, increase in abdominal pain, and dizziness.
- 9. Instructions given that the patient may withdraw consent at any time:
  - a. The patient can refuse the medication or refuse to sign the consent to treat at any time.
- 10. Answered all questions answered concerning this treatment:
  - a. The patient has answered and agreed to all questions and statements regarding the consent to treat.