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## **Obtaining Consent for Psychoactive Medications: SCRIPT**

Hello, my name is Heather McKee, I will be your nurse today.

- I am here to get a **consent signed** which will allow you to proceed with the new medication that your physician spoke with you about. This is standard procedure and was put into place to **ensure patients understand both benefits and side effects** of specific medications. Would you be willing to do this now?
- Due to your ***diagnosis of Schizophrenia***, your doctor has prescribed ***Invega Sustenna*** This med. will ***replace*** your current med., ***Paliperidone***. Rather than the daily pills you currently take- ***Invega***- is an ***injection given once a month***.
- ***Benefits*** of this med include ***decreased auditory hallucinations***- (help quiet the voices). You should notice ***a reduction in your isolation***, it will help ***increase motivation*** and allow you to get ***back to your baseline***- and ***back to school*** which will in turn- increase ***your quality of life***. Invega will help you feel ***more in control***.
- Risks of not taking this medication include an escalation of the psychotic experiences you have currently. The voices may intensify and the frequency in which they appear may increase.
- Your physician believes it is imperative that you graduate to Invega due to the escalation of psychotic experiences you are having. Invega is the best way to go to stabilize you. you
- Regarding course of treatment, ***initial dosing is 234 mg IM in the deltoid muscle***,

***2<sup>nd</sup> dose will be on day 8- 156mg IM deltoid. Maintenance dose- will resume one month from 2<sup>nd</sup> injection date- it will be 39-234 mg given IM or gluteal.***

- Side effects are risks of ALL medications, INVEGA is no different. The most common side effect of Invega is injection site reactions. Which we will monitor closely on you. This medication is not indicated for elderly people with dementia related psychosis. You may experience dizziness muscle twitches in the face, possible weight gain. Please let me know of anything you are experiencing or feeling after administration.
- You should not get pregnant while on this medication. If you intend on doing so you need to report this to your physician as soon as possible.
- Here is a copy of the medication insert. Near the back of the packet, you will find the Patient Information Sheets. These are on pages 16-18. I have highlighted the important info to focus on. I will put this in an envelope close by so you may review it when convenient.
- Would you be willing to sign this consent?