

Consent for Treatment with Antipsychotic Medication

Alberta Continuing Care Standards (2016) require information on the use of restraints to be provided to the Client and the Client's legal representative, if applicable, when possible prior to its use and at any Interdisciplinary Team conferences that occur during the time the restraint is in use.

Where an antipsychotic medication is used as a pharmacological restraint

- Medication Reviews by a Physician and the Interdisciplinary Team will occur at a minimum of once a month to ensure the appropriateness of the medications prescribed.
- Where the antipsychotic medication is no longer required, a Physician or Pharmacist will document instructions regarding the process for gradual dose reduction and discontinuation.

The AHS Consent to Treatment Policy protects the patient/Alternate Decision-Maker right to be informed of benefits, risks, alternatives and consequences by the Most Responsible Health Practitioner. Consent must be obtained without coercion and may be expressed verbally, in writing, or be implied.

Resources to support consent and discussions around Appropriate Use of Antipsychotics (AUA) are available in the AUA Toolkit.