



Antipsychotic Medication Questionnaire

This worksheet can be used to guide the interdisciplinary team (IDT) when discussing antipsychotic medication use, particularly in people with Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia. Specific questions that should be considered for each person are listed below, with space provided for answers or comments.

These questions will help the IDT determine the medical necessity for the use of an antipsychotic medication, as well as possible non-pharmacological interventions. If you do not have answers to these questions, seek out other sources of the information such as the person’s friends, family members, and/or direct care staff.

Question	Answer/Comments
What is the person trying to communicate through the behavior being exhibited?	
What are the possible underlying causes or triggers for the behavior that led to an antipsychotic being ordered?	
What other approaches and interventions were attempted prior to the use of an antipsychotic medication?	
Was the family member or a responsible party contacted prior to the initiation of the medication? Was HHSC Form 3713 (Informed Consent) completed?	
Is the medication clinically indicated and necessary to treat a specific condition and target symptoms as diagnosed and documented in the medical record?	
Has the medication been adjusted to the lowest possible dosage to achieve the desired therapeutic effect?	

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Are gradual dose reductions (GDR) planned and behavioral interventions provided to discontinue the medication? If GDR is contraindicated, why?	
Has the interdisciplinary team, including the person, direct care staff, and the primary physician/practitioner been involved in the care planning process?	
Does the staff monitor for the effectiveness and possible adverse consequences of the medication? If so, how?	

The IDT should also identify any non-pharmacological interventions that have been attempted with person. Non-pharmacological interventions should be the first-line treatment in most situations.

If non-pharmacological interventions have been attempted, indicate those interventions in the table below, as well as the person’s responses to each one. Ensure **every** non-pharmacological intervention implemented is documented in the medical record and included in the person-centered care plan.

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