

## Addressing Patients taking Psychotropic Medications for Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia. (BPSD)

<b>If admitted to facility using an antipsychotic medication then:</b>	
Identify and document indication	Specific Psychotic Condition?
	Acute Delirium due to acute illness?
	BPSD?
Set up monitoring and documentation parameters	Side Effects (per pharmacy reference). Facility should have monitoring system in place for S/E monitoring.
	Behavior tracking. Facility should have tracking system in place to document behaviors.
	Establish target behaviors (through observation over one week period) *critical question to be answered: do BPSD warrant medication use (danger to self/others or causing a significant decline in functional status)
	Establish Non-pharmacological interventions (through observation over one week period).
Care Plan target behaviors and non-pharmacological interventions  Spell out patient specific treatment goals regarding the use of the psychotropic medication	Establish patient specific uniform procedure for documenting non-pharmacological interventions.
	No less frequently than quarterly: target behaviors and non-pharmacological interventions are summarized and documented by nurse manager for discussion with prescriber, pharmacist and other pertinent staff/family for trial dose reduction consideration.
	Judgment is made whether to reduce or continue current dosing based on the summarized target behaviors and interdisciplinary discussion that includes (but is not limited to) pharmacist and prescriber.