

Name of Policy: Informed Consent for Psychoactive Medications		 Effective date: September 30, 2025 Original effective date: June 1, 2014	
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(A) Policy statement

Inpatient behavioral health will follow the medication practices of UTMC.

(B) Purpose of policy

To provide patients/patient representative with information in oral or written format relative to all psychoactive medication to be given and to obtain consent from patients and/or patient representative for the administration of said medication.

(C) Procedure

- (1) The physician will discuss use of medications, reason for treatment, target symptoms, justification, risk of not using medication, potential side effects, and possible alternatives to medication with patient and/or guardian. The patient/patient representative will be provided with information explaining their right to refuse.
- (2) The patient and/ patient representative will be offered the opportunity to ask questions before the med is given.
- (3) The patient and/ patient representative will sign the Informed Consent.

