


Name of Policy: <u>High Dose Pharmacotherapy</u> Policy Number: 3364-160-SD-130 Department: Psychiatry Approving Officer: Chief Executive Officer - UTMC Responsible Agent: Chair/Medical Director Department of Psychiatry Administrative Director Department of Psychiatry Scope: OP-Clinic-Psychiatry	 Effective Date: 06/18/2024 Initial Effective Date: 07/2004
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(A) Policy Statement

It is recognized that when caring for patients with complicated and/or severe psychiatric illness, it may be necessary to use high doses of psychotropic medications to effectively treat target symptoms.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To effectively treat target symptoms of complicated and/or severe psychiatric illness.

(C) Procedure

When it is necessary for the provider to use high doses of medications, it is expected that:

1. The provider is aware of the FDA-approved dosage guidelines for the medication utilized.
2. The provider is aware of the potential side effects and drug interactions of the medications the patient is taking, and will educate patient and/or guardian on the signs and symptoms of possible side effects.
3. The provider will use the lowest possible dose to effectively treat target symptoms.
4. The provider will obtain and document informed consent from patient and/or guardian regarding the high dose of psychotropic medications.

