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|  PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS – ANTI-ANXIETY MEDICATIONS | NO. 222c |
| It is the policy of Winning Wheels, Inc that anti-anxiety medications may be used for the following:1. Generalized anxiety disorder
2. Panic Disorder
3. Symptomatic anxiety that occurs in resident with another diagnosed psychiatric disorder (i.e. depression, adjustment disorder)
4. Organic mental syndrome/Cognitive disorder with associated agitated states which constitute sources of distress or dysfunction to the resident or represent a danger to the resident or others. Must be behavior monitored/tracked.

Gradual dose reduction must be attempted after four continuous months of daily use before anti-anxiety dose reduction is considered clinically contradicted.Gradual dose reduction must be attempted at least twice within one year before anti-anxiety dose reduction is considered clinically contradicted.Short-acting benzodiazepines must be attempt first before long-acting benzodiazepins can be utilized. Exceptions to these guidelines are as follows:1. Valium used for neuromuscular syndromes (Cerebral palsy, Tardive dyskinesia, Seizure disorders)
2. Long-acting benzodiazepine used to withdraw resident from short-acting benzodiazepine.
3. Klonopin used in bipolar disorders, Tardive dyskinesia, Nocturnal myoclonus, or Seizure disorders.
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