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| PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS – SEDATIVE / HYPNOTIC  MEDICATIONS | | | | NO. 222e | |
| It is the policy of Winning Wheels, Inc that for the use of sedative / hypnotic medications the following apply:  -A gradual dose reduction must be attempted after 10 consecutive days of sedative/hypnotic therapy.  -Gradual dose reduction should be attempted at least 3 times within 6 months before dose reduction is considered clinically contradicted.  -Short-acting benzodiazepines must be attempted first before long-acting benzodiazepines can be utilized.  Exceptions to these guidelines:  -Any sedative drug for single dose sedation for dental or medical procedures. | | | | | |
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