**HYPNOTIC / SEDATIVE / ANXIOLYTIC DRUGS, MISCELLANEOUS**

**TRAINING**

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**WHAT ARE THEY?**

Amylal, Butisol, Nembubal, Seconal, Phenobarbital, Tuinal, Fiorinal, Doriden, Noludar, Placidyl, Equanil, Miltown

**WHEN CAN YOU USE?**

Drugs in this category should not be initiated in the facility except when:

1. Sedative drug used as a single dose sedative for dental or medical procedures.

2. Phenobarbital when used in the treatment of seizure disorders.

* Residents currently using these drugs or residents admitted to the facility while using these drugs should receive GRADUAL dose reductions
* A GRADUAL dose reduction should be attempted at least twice in one year
* Newly admitted residents should have a period of adjustment before a GRADUAL dose reduction
* Do not encourage rapid withdrawal of these drugs