


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: 11/01/2021 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 clinician to use high doses of medications, it is expected that:

1. The clinician is aware of the FDA-approved dosage guidelines for the medication utilized.
2. The clinician is aware of the potential side effects and drug interactions of the medications the patient is taking.
3. The clinician will use the lowest possible dose to effectively treat target symptoms.
4. The patient and/or guardian will be informed about the high dosing and will also be informed if the dosing is greater than FDA-approved dosing guidelines.
5. The patient and/or guardian will be educated on signs and symptoms of possible side effects, including tardive dyskinesia.

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