

MEDICATION ADVISORY FOR PATIENTS WITH DEMENTIA

REF NO.	BRAND NAME	GENERIC NAME	SAFETY	DAILY DOSE RANGE	IMPORTANT SIDE EFFECTS
OLD ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATIONS					
1.	Haldol	Haloperidol	S	.5-4mgm	1,3
2.	Mellaril	Thioridazine	S	10-100mgm	1,3,6,8
3.	Moban	Molindone	C	10-70mgm	1,3
4.	Navane	Thiothixene	S	1-15mgm	1,3
5.	Prolixin	Fluphenazine	S	05-7mgm	1,3
6.	Stelazine	Trifluoperazine	S	1-40mgm	1,3
7.	Thorazine	Chlorpromazine	C	10-100mgm	1,3,6,8
NEW ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATIONS					
8.	Clozaril	Clozapine	R	----	(See PDR)
9.	Risperidone	Resperdal	S	0.25-2mgm	1,3
10.	Seroquel	Quetiapine	S	50-200mgm	1,8
11.	Ziprasidone	Geodon	R	N/A	8
12.	Zyprexa	Olanzapine	S	2.5-10mgm	1,10
ANTIDEPRESSANTS					
13.	Celexia	Citalopram	S	20-40mgm	1,5
14.	Effexor	Venlafazine	S	25-225mgm	1,5,7,11
15.	Elavil	Amitriptyline	R/NSR	----	(See PDR)
16.	Luvox	Fluvoxamine	S	50-150mgm	1,6,11
17.	Nardil (MAIO)	Phenelzine (MAIO)	R	----	(See PDR)
18.	Norpramin	Desipramine	C	50-100mgm	1,6,11
19.	Pamelor	Nortriptyline	S	25-75mgm	1,6,7,8,11
20.	Parnate (MAIO)	Tranlycypromine (MAIO)	R	----	(See PDR)
21.	Paxil	Paroxetine	S	10-40mgm	1,6,11
22.	Prozac	Fluoxetine	S	10-40mgm	4,11
23.	Remeron	Mirtazapine	S	7.5-45mgm	1,2,4,5,8
24.	Ritalin	Methylphenidate	C	10-20mgm	2,4,8,12
25.	Serzone	Nefazodone	S	100-400mgm	1,11
26.	Sinequan	Doxepin	C	25-75mgm	1,6,7,8,11
27.	Wellbutrin	Bupropion HCL	C	75-300mgm	4,9
28.	Zoloft	Sertraline	S	25-200mgm	1,4,5
ANTIANSIETY MEDICATIONS					
29.	Ativan	Lorazepam	C	0.5-1mgm	1,2,12,14
30.	BuSpar	Buspirone	S	20-30mgm	1
31.	Klonopin	Clonazepam	C	0.5-2mgm	1,2,12,14
32.	Librium	Chlordiazepoxide	A	0.05-0.2mgm	1,2,12,14
33.	Valium	Diazepam	R	----	(See PDR)
34.	Xanax	Alprazolam	A	0.25-0.5mgm	1,2,11,12,14
MOOD/BEHAVIOR STABILIZERS					
35.	Depakene	Valproic Acid	C	250-750mgm	1,5,10
36.	Lamictal	Lamotrigine	A	50-150mgm	1,5,13
37.	Lithane, Lithobid	Lithium	A	300-1200mgm	1,5,10
38.	Neurontin	Gabapentin	A	900-1800mgm	1
39.	Tegretol	Carbamazepine	A	100-1200mgm	1,5,10,11,13,14

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MEMORY ENHANCERS					
40.	Aricept	Donepezil	S	5-10mgm	5
41.	Cognex	Tacrine	R	Withdrawn	(See PDR)
42.	Eldepryl	Selegiline	A	5-10mgm	4
43.	Exelon	Rivastigmine	S	6-12mgm	5
44.	Hydergine	Ergoloid Mesylates	R	----	(See PDR)
45.	Reminyl	Galantamine	S	4-16mgm	5
OTHER MEDICATIONS FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE					
46.	Gingko Biloba		S	120mgm	1,2,11
47.	Vitamin E	Aquasol E, Tocopheral	S	100-1000U	
SEDATIVE / SLEEP MEDICATIONS					
48.	Ambien	Zolpidem	S	5-10mgm	1,2,12,14
49.	Atarax, Vistaril	Hydroxyzine	R	----	(See PDR)
50.	Benadryl	Diphenhydramine	R	----	(See PDR)
51.	Desyrel	Traxodone	C	25-50mgm	1,7,11
52.	Doriden	Glutethiamide	R/NSR	----	
53.	Meproamate	Miltown	R/NSR	----	
54.	Noctec	Chloral hydrate	C	500mgm	1,2,12
55.	Restoril	Temazepam	C	7.5-15mgm	1,2,12,14
56.	Serax	Oxazepam	C	10-30mgm	1,2,12,14
57.	Sonata	Zaleplon	S	5-10mgm	1,2,12,14
NARCOTIC PAIN RELIEVERS					
58.	Codeine	Tylenol #3	S	1-2 tabs fq6hrs	1,2,12,14
59.	Darvon	Propoxyphene	A	1 tab q6hrs	1,2,12,14
60.	Demerol	Meperidine	A/NSR	1 tab q4hrs	1,2,9,12,14
61.	Duragesic	Fentanyl	C		
62.	Lortab	Hydrocodone	C	1 tab q6hrs	1,2,12,14
63.	Percodan	Oxycodone	C	1 tab q6hrs	1,2,12,14
NON-NARCOTIC PAIN RELIEVERS					
64.	Advil, Motrin	Ibuprofen	S	200-400mgm	5
65.	Aspirin	Salicylate	S	200-400mgm	5
66.	Celebrex	Celecoxib	C	100-200mgm	5
67.	Tylenol	Acetaminophen	S	325-650mgm	
68.	Ultram	Tramadol	C	50-100mgm q 4hrs	1,2
APPETITE ENHANCERS					
69.	Megace	Megestrol	S	400-800mgm	2
70.	Periactin	Cyproheptadine	R	----	(See PDR)

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