

Antipsychotic Medication Safety Decision Tool Superior Health Quality Alliance

Instructions

What is the purpose of this tool? Use this decision tool to ensure antipsychotic medications are being used

tool.

When should this tool be used?

appropriately in your home.

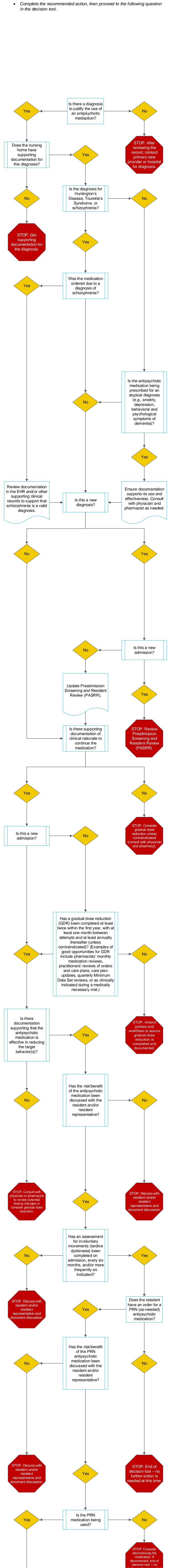
- This tool should be used as part of a broader strategy. For all residents on antipsychotic medications, the interdisciplinary team should provide
- oversight to Determine the root cause(s) for the target behavior(s), Develop person-centered non-pharmacological interventions to address the target behavior(s), and
 - determine if a dose reduction and/or discontinuation of the medication is appropriate.

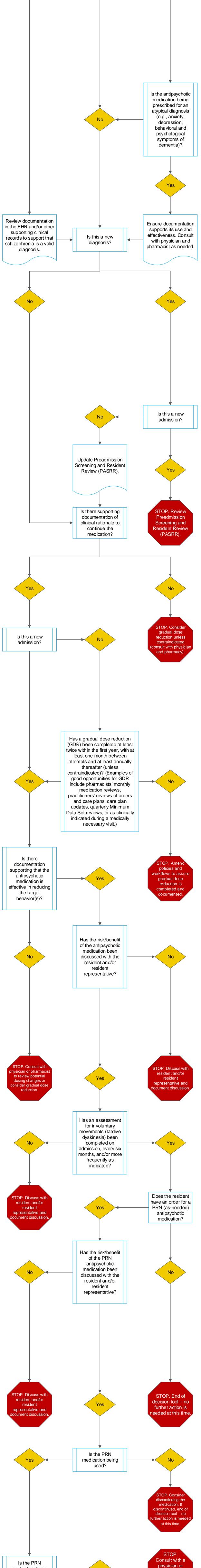
How should users proceed after encountering a 'STOP'?

Who should answer these questions? The interdisciplinary team should work together to complete this decision

Monitor the effectiveness of the non-pharmacological interventions to

Respond to these questions for all new admissions, readmissions, and when a resident is prescribed a new antipsychotic medication (PRN or scheduled).





medication being

used on a regular

basis?

No

Is the PRN use of

antipsychotic

medications limited

to 14 days (per

regulations)?

No

STOP. Consider discontinuing the medication (may require gradual dose reduction). If

discontinued, end of decision tool — no further action is needed at this time.

PRN basis?

resident?

Yes

Has the PRN

medication been

scheduled?

Yes

Is the physician extending the PRN for the antipsychotic

medication beyond 14 days?

Yes

The physician must evaluate if it is appropriate to write a new PRN order for the antipsychotic medication, and the medical record must contain a documented rationale and determined duration. The physician should evaluate the resident and assess the resident's current condition(s) and progress to determine if the PRN antipsychotic medication is still needed. The following should be documented in the record:

Is the antipsychotic medication still needed on a

Have the resident's expressions or indications of

What is the benefit of the medication to the

distress improved as a result of the PRN

antipsychotic medication?

pharmacist to

consider

scheduling the medication.

Yes

STOP. Monitor for

effectiveness and

complete GDR as

appropriate. End of decision tool - no

further action is needed

at this time.

No

STOP. End of decision tool - no

further action is

needed at this time.