
PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL NAME

Psychotropic Medication Emergency
Certification Form

STAMP ADDRESSOGRAPH

Emergency Certification: *An emergency exists when, in the professional opinion of the prescriber, a patient presents a risk of such imminent or reasonably impending harm or danger to self or others that following the nonemergency procedures to involuntarily medicate a patient would increase risk of harm to the patient or another person.*

I. CERTIFICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION

A. Treatment Team Staff/RN Certification of Emergency:

_____ (name) is a patient on _____ (unit) and is under my care as his/her _____ (state title and position on team or unit).

The patient's legal status is: voluntary civilly committed CEPP
 NGRI IST-30 IST -90

The patient's clinical status and behavior meets the above Emer. Cert. definition, as follows:

 I am familiar with the patient's safety plan; I have offered the patient his or her preferred behavioral supports and interventions, and they were unsuccessful in resolving the emergency (describe below).

I am familiar with the patient's safety plan; I did not offer the patient his or her preferred behavioral supports and interventions because (describe below):

Less restrictive alternatives considered and rejected, or attempted, without success:

verbal de-escalation consensual oral medication other non-psychotropic medication
 other(describe): _____

Patient does not have an advance directive.

Patient does not have an advance directive that can be implemented in time to resolve the emergency (no time to contact proxy; proxy not available, instructions inapplicable or unsuccessful in resolving situation).

Patient does does not have a guardian, or the guardian is unavailable.

I, _____, certify that the above information and statements are correct and that the patients' clinical situation meets the requirements for Emergency Certification.

Signature _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Print Name _____

B. Prescriber's Certification of Emergency (First Certification)

I, _____, a psychiatrist; physician; advanced practice nurse, certify that _____ is refusing the administration of _____, a short-acting psychotropic medication that, in my professional opinion, will mitigate the emergency situation described above that will otherwise probably result in harm to the following:

the patient another person or persons both.

I have reviewed the description of the efforts made pursuant to Section A above to resolve the emergency without medication and agree that no less restrictive alternative to the involuntary administration of emergency medication will adequately mitigate this harm. The 24-hour medication order is as follows:

Date/time of order _____ Medication and dosage _____

Schedule of administration _____

This order will need to be reviewed prior to its expiration on Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Print Name _____

C. Nursing Documentation (First 24 hour period)

The Prescriber conducted a face-to-face examination, and he/she wrote the above order.

I advised the patient that s/he was going to be involuntarily medicated to resolve an emergency.

On Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Print Name _____

First dose of medication was given: Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Within the next 24 hours after this dose was first administered, the following was completed:

Progress Notes were written every shift documenting the patient's condition

Side Effects: None Reported On Date: _____ Time _____ am pm, any negative effects were reported to prescriber and to the Rennie Advocate and were also fully documented in the patient record.

Describe negative response:

Medical Director and Rennie Advocate notified by telephone email at

Time: _____ a.m/pm. Date: _____

I, _____, certify that the above information and statements are correct and that the patients' clinical situation meets the requirements for Emergency Certification.

Signature _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Print Name _____

D. Prescriber's Certification of Emergency – (Second Certification):

I, _____, a psychiatrist; physician; advanced practice nurse, certify that _____ continues to refuse the administration of _____, a short-acting psychotropic medication that, in my professional opinion, will mitigate the emergency situation described above that will otherwise probably result in harm to the following:

the patient another person or persons both.

I have evaluated the patient's record and seen the patient. The first 24-hour administration of medication did not resolve the emergency and no less restrictive alternative to the involuntary administration of emergency medication will adequately mitigate the harm. The 24-hour medication order is as follows:

Date/time of order _____ Medication and dosage _____

Schedule of administration _____

This order will need to be reviewed prior to its expiration on Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Print Name _____

E. Nursing Documentation (Second 24 hour period)

The Prescriber conducted a face-to-face examination, and he/she wrote the above order.

I advised the patient that s/he was going to be involuntarily medicated to resolve an emergency.

On Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Print Name _____

First dose of medication was given: Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Within the next 24 hours after this dose was first administered, the following was completed:

Progress Notes were written every shift documenting the patient's condition

Side Effects: None Reported On Date: _____ Time _____ am pm, any negative effects were reported to prescriber and to the Rennie Advocate and were also fully documented in the patient record. Describe negative response:

Medical Director and Rennie Advocate notified by telephone email at

Time: _____ a.m/pm. Date: _____

I, _____, certify that the above information and statements are correct and that the patients' clinical situation meets the requirements for Emergency Certification.

Signature _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Print Name _____

F. Prescriber's Certification of Emergency (Third Certification)

I, _____, a psychiatrist; physician; advanced practice nurse, certify that _____ continues to refuse the administration of _____, a short-acting psychotropic medication that, in my professional opinion, will mitigate the emergency situation described above that will otherwise probably result in harm to the following:

the patient another person or persons both.

I have evaluated the patient's record and seen the patient. The first 24-hour administration of medication did not resolve the emergency and no less restrictive alternative to the involuntary administration of emergency medication will adequately mitigate the harm. The 24-hour medication order is as follows:

Date/time of order _____ medication and dosage _____
schedule of administration _____

This order will need to be reviewed prior to its expiration on Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Print Name _____

G. Nursing Documentation (Third 24 hour period)

The Prescriber conducted a face-to-face examination, and he/she wrote the above order.

I advised the patient that s/he was going to be involuntarily medicated to resolve an emergency.

On Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Print Name _____

First dose of medication was given: Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Within the next 24 hours after this dose was first administered, the following was completed:

Progress Notes were written every shift documenting the patient's condition

Side Effects: None Reported On Date: _____ Time _____ am pm, any negative effects were reported to prescriber and to the Rennie Advocate and were also fully documented in the patient record.

Describe negative response:

Medical Director and Rennie Advocate notified by telephone email at

Time: _____ a.m/pm. Date: _____

I, _____, certify that the above information and statements are correct and that the patients' clinical situation meets the requirements for Emergency Certification.

Signature _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Print Name _____

H. Prescriber's Certification of Emergency (Fourth Certification) (only if one of the days in the 72 hours is a holiday)

I, _____, a psychiatrist; physician; advanced practice nurse, certify that _____ continues to refuse the administration of _____, a short-acting psychotropic medication that, in my professional opinion, will mitigate the emergency situation described above that will otherwise probably result in harm to the following:

- the patient another person or persons both.
- I have evaluated the patient's record and seen the patient. The first 24-hour administration of medication did not resolve the emergency and no less restrictive alternative to the involuntary administration of emergency medication will adequately mitigate the harm. The 24-hour medication order is as follows:

Date/time of order _____ medication and dosage _____
schedule of administration _____

This order will need to be reviewed prior to its expiration on Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Print Name _____
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I. Nursing Documentation (Fourth 24 hour period) (only if one of the days in the 72 hours is a holiday)

The Prescriber conducted a face-to-face examination, and he/she wrote the above order.

I advised the patient that s/he was going to be involuntarily medicated to resolve an emergency.

On Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Print Name _____

First dose of medication was given: Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Within the next 24 hours after this dose was first administered, the following was completed:

Progress Notes were written every shift documenting the patient's condition

Side Effects: None Reported On Date: _____ Time _____ am pm, any negative effects were reported to prescriber and to the Rennie Advocate and were also fully documented in the patient record.

Describe negative response:

Medical Director and Rennie Advocate notified by telephone email at

Time: _____ a.m/pm. Date: _____

I, _____, certify that the above information and statements are correct and that the patients' clinical situation meets the requirements for Emergency Certification.

Signature _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Print Name _____

II. 72-HOUR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

A. Medical/Clinical Director or Chief of Psychiatry

Instructions: Shall be completed by the Medical/Clinical Director or Chief of Psychiatry, unless unavailable, When these individuals are unavailable, and when more than one prescriber is on duty, a prescriber who is not assigned to the patient will review the emergency. If the event takes place when the Medical/Clinical Director, Chief of Psychiatry and Acting Medical/Clinical Director and all non-treating prescribers are unavailable, and they continue to be unavailable for the entire 72-hour period after the first administration of emergency medication, the review will be conducted by the building nursing supervisor.

Review conducted by: _____, Title _____

After conducting a face-to-face evaluation of the patient and reviewing the prescriber's emergency certification and the patient record, I conclude the following:

- Administration of emergency medication was/was not appropriate because danger to the patient or another person was imminent or reasonably impending.
The prescriber based his or her professional judgment on best or effective practices, and all reasonable efforts to avoid the emergency administration of medication were made.
The prescriber should have initiated the following interventions, in addition to, or in place of, his/her medication orders:

Signature _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Print Name _____

B. Rennie Advocate Review

_____, Rennie Advocate, Reviewed chart on Date: _____ Time: _____

- All steps of emergency administration procedure were followed.
Emergency medication was limited to 72 hours or less (including Saturdays/Sundays but not including holidays)
The following problems in the procedure were noted in the chart and communicated in my monthly report to the CEO, Medical/Clinical Director, and DMHAS Medical Director:

Outcome

- Medication discontinued Medication continued, patient consenting
Medication continued, 3 step process initiated Medication continued, FI process initiated
Other:

Signature _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Print Name _____