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	Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale Examinations		

Subject:

Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale (AIMS) Examination for Tardive Dyskinesia.

Purpose:

To formally assess residents for whom antipsychotic and mood stabilizer medications have been prescribed to identify symptoms that may indicate the presence of Tardive Dyskinesia.

Policy:

The AIMS examination will be administered to all residents for whom psychotropic medications are prescribed. The examination will be administered at the time of the resident's admission to the Center or when medications are initially prescribed. In addition, for residents taking psychotropic medication, AIMS examination procedures will be repeated at intervals of no less than every twelve months.

Procedure:

1. Follow the instructions on the AIMS form (Attachment #1) the results are then placed in the resident's chart.
2. The AIMS examination procedure will be completed for each resident upon admission.
3. The examination procedure shall be repeated at least every twelve (12) months for residents taking psychotropic medications.
4. The AIMS examination may be completed by any physician, licensed nurse, or psychologist.
5. The AIMS examination is not intended to yield a score that indicates the presence of Tardive Dyskinesia. The adoption of a specific cut off point is arbitrary.