MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATION

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Medication	PRN Protocol	Revised:	June 2017
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PURPOSE:

To outline documented requirements for PRN medication prescribed for a medical/mental health issue, specific appointment, event or emergency hospital visit, and PRN medication with a Behaviour Support Plan.

PROCEDURE:

1. Medication must be prescribed.

    Protocol must include:
    *   Medication name and dosage
    *   When it is to be used
    *   How often to be used
    *   Contraindications / side effects
    *   Consent of client, family member or substitute decision maker

2. PRN Protocol must be reviewed and updated to ensure it is not administered excessively beyond the recommended dosage, as a punishment for the person's behaviour, convenience or as a substitute for meaningful support, by the physician.

3. Where possible the prescriber will be involved in the development of the protocol and sign the protocol (signature is mandatory when used with a Behaviour Support Plan).

    Indicators:
    *   Incident reports
    *   Record of PRN support and monitoring
    *   Written protocol
    *   Medication sheet
    *   Serious occurrence
    *   Medical notes

PRN Protocol for

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Date: _____

Prescribing Clinician: _____

Purpose of PRN Medication (specific event or challenging behaviour):

Description of Behaviour and Staff Response:

Prescribed Medication:

Name of Medication: _____

Recommended Dosage: _____

How Taken: _____

Length of time between Dosages (if applicable): _____

Length of time between PRN and regular medications(if applicable): _____

Consent of Client or Client Representative

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Record of PRN Support and Monitoring

Client: _____

Unit: _____

Date	Time	Medication and Dosage	Reason	Describe Behaviour and Effectiveness**			Staff Signature	Behaviour Therapist and Management Meetings Date and Comments	Physician Review Date and Comments
				10 min. later	30 min. later	1 hr. later			

** Physical (awake, asleep) Emotional (alert, agitated, calm)