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Patient Name: ID Number:

I am a patient of **Dr B Nallamothu, MD**

S/he has informed me that psychotropic medications have been recommended for treatment of my disorder. Although everyone's response to this medication is different, in many cases similar to mine, this medication has demonstrated that it is helpful in alleviating or reducing some of the signs and symptoms typical of my disorder. While there is no guarantee that this medication will be 100% effective, my provider's is of the opinion that there is no suitable alternative treatment for me, at this time, which is likely to be more effective.

I hereby acknowledge that my provider did discuss with me the various risks and benefits associated with taking the psychotropic medication, checked below.

- ❑ **Neuroleptic** **Name(s)**

  Dry mouth, constipation, blurred vision (close-up), and various rashes, blood pressure changes (drop in blood pressure with change of position), and muscle spasms. Tardive dyskinesia—a side effect that may or may not develop with taking neuroleptics, commonly after years of therapy, was discussed. Tardive dyskinesia is a condition that may occur while taking the medication or after the medication has been discontinued; and it consists of movement of certain muscles of the trunk (pelvis and hips).

- ❑ **Anti-Depressant (SSRI)** **Name(s)**

  Nausea, sleepiness, loss of strength, dizziness, insomnia, sweating, and ejaculatory delay.

- ❑ **Anti-Depressant (Tricyclic)** **Name(s)**

  Dry mouth, sedation, blurred vision, blood pressure changes, constipation, ECC changes, changes in heart beat, urinary retention, allergic reaction.

- ❑ **Anti-Depressant (MAOI)** **Name(s)**

  Must adhere to a special diet and use special caution in taking other medication which can raise the blood pressure when combined with this medication for approximately two weeks after discontinuation, dry mouth, restlessness, allergic reaction.

- ❑ **Lithium Carbonate** **Name(s)**

  At therapeutic levels these side effects maybe seen: tremors, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, frequent urination, fatigue, thyroid changes, and allergic reactions. At higher levels these side effects may be seen: confusion, seizures, coma.

- ❑ **Mood Stabilizer** **Name(s)**

- ❑ **Anxiolytics and Sedatives** **Name(s)**

  Sedation, slowed reaction time, psychological and physical dependence and allergic reaction.

- ❑ **Stimulant** **Name(s)**

  Nervousness, insomnia, decreased appetite and weight loss, rapid heart beat, increased blood pressure, psychological and physical dependence.

- ❑ **Other** **Name(s)**

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Any of these medications may cause drowsiness and might increase the effects of alcohol or other sedatives (such as drowsiness or poor coordination). Caution in driving and operating machinery and other tasks requiring alertness and coordination should be exercised. This explanation of risks and benefits is not meant to be all-inclusive. There are other potential adverse reactions. I should promptly notify my provider and or another member of the staff if there are any unexpected changes in my condition.

I understand that I may not be compelled to take this medication and that I may decide to stop taking it at any time. I understand that the symptoms of my disorder may return or worsen if I stop taking this medication.

I understand that taking psychotropic medication during pregnancy may cause increased risk to the fetus and that I take the responsibility of informing my provider of any possibility of my being pregnant.

After a period with a specific medication, my provider may determine that a different dosage of the same medication or a different type of medication may be necessary before the best medication is found.

I also understand that although my provider believes that this medication will help me, there is no guarantee as to the results that may be obtained. On this basis, I authorize my provider (or anyone authorized by him or her) to administer such doses of medication at such intervals as my provider believes is best. I also authorize my provider (or anyone authorized by him or her) to change the type of medication I am to receive or the doses of my medication in order to achieve the best results possible.

Signature of Patient	Printed Name
Signature of Legal Representative	Printed Name
Relationship of Legal Representative to Patient	Date

Provider Certification:
I the undersigned provider, hereby certify that I have discussed with the patient or the patient's legal representative the information described in this document. I further certify that the patient was encouraged to ask questions and that all questions were answered.

Provider Signature	Date

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