

## Consent for Medication Policy

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<b>Policy Title</b>	Consent for Medication Policy
<b>Purpose</b>	To ensure all medication administration within the facility is undertaken only after valid informed consent has been obtained from the consumer or their legally authorised representative, ensuring alignment with safe clinical practices and respect for consumer rights.
<b>Scope</b>	This policy applies to all staff involved in medication management, including prescribing, handling, administration, and documentation in the facility.
<b>Policy Statement</b>	The organisation commits to obtaining, documenting, and reviewing informed consent for all prescribed medications. Consent must be voluntary, informed, and specific to the medication regime, with special consideration for consumers with cognitive impairment.

<b>Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the purpose, risks, and benefits of each medication to the consumer in clear, understandable language.</li> <li>• Confirm consumer capacity to provide consent. If capacity is lacking, seek consent from a substituted decision-maker or guardian.</li> <li>• Document consent in the resident's care plan and medication chart before administration.</li> <li>• Review consent regularly or upon any medication changes.</li> <li>• Ensure staff receive ongoing training on consent and medication management procedures.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Registered Nurses:</b> Obtain and record consent for all medication changes.</li> <li>• <b>Care Staff:</b> Confirm consent has been provided before administration.</li> <li>• <b>Management:</b> Ensure policy implementation, training, and compliance monitoring.</li> </ul>
<b>Associated Policies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe Medication Management and Consumer Rights Policy</li> <li>• Comprehensive Anti-Inflammatory Medication Safety Policy</li> <li>• Clinical Care and Safety Policy</li> <li>• Empowering Consumer Choice in Care and Decision-Making Policy</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence and Records</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signed consent forms in resident records</li> <li>• Medication administration charts</li> <li>• Training attendance logs</li> <li>• Care plan documentation showing consent status</li> </ul>

<b>Review Frequency</b>	Annually or when there are changes in legislation, standards, or medication management procedures.
<b>Current Completion Rate</b>	0% (Draft stage)
<b>Status</b>	In Progress – Requires policy endorsement and training rollout.
<b>Reporting Status</b>	To be reported under Clinical Care Standard 5 – Outcome 5.3 Safe and quality use of medicines.