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SUBJECT DEVIATION FROM STANDARD OF  
PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

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I. PURPOSE

To define procedures when a psychiatrist deviates from the standard of practice of medicine regarding such issues as:

- A. Giving medications that are Non-FDA approved.
- B. Giving medications over the maximum allowed dose.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. The treating psychiatrist should document in the chart rationale for deviating from the standard of practice medicine.
- B. A Peer consultation shall be completed and there should be documentation in the chart that the peer agrees with the intended procedure.
- C. The Deputy Director of Medical Services will be notified of the event within three working days.
- D. All cases will be discussed at Medication Monitoring Committee held on a quarterly basis.
- E. Any client care issues will be addressed at the Quality Management Committee of which Meds Monitoring Committee Chair is a member.
- F. Use of Experimental Medications is available on a limited basis through Dr. Zimbroff's office. Referrals can be addressed to him directly by calling LLBMC.

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