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WARNINGS REGARDING USE OF ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTIC (SEROQUEL, ZYPREXA, RISPERDAL, ...) MEDICATIONS IN THE ELDERLY

This warning is to make you aware of the FDA warning regarding the increase in mortality (i.e. risk of death) associated with the use of atypical antipsychotics in the elderly population with dementia. Such medications are often prescribed to help alleviate severe agitation and psychosis in the elderly with dementia.

As with any medication, you must weigh the risks against the benefits when deciding whether to take the medicine. In many cases of dementia, the benefits far outweigh the risks of taking medications such as atypical antipsychotics. If you have any questions regarding the above warning, you must discuss with the prescribing physician before agreeing to take the medicine.

I have read and acknowledge clear
understanding of the above: (sign) _____

Patient or designated caretaker's name
who signed above: (print) _____

Date: _____