

### INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT—ALPRAZOLAM (XANAX)

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### INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT—AMITRIPTYLINE (ELAVIL)

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### INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT—BUSPIRONE (BUSPAR)

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### INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT—CLONIDINE (CATAPRES)

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### INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT—DIAZEPAM (VALIUM)

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### INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT—GABAPENTIN (NEURONTIN)

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### INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT—IMIPRAMINE (TOFRANIL)

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### INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT—SERTRALINE (ZOLOFT)

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### INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT—TRAZODONE (DESYREL)

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