

2023 Kansas Statutes

59-29c10. Administration of medications and other treatments. (a) Medications and other treatments shall be prescribed, ordered and administered only in conformity with accepted clinical practice. Medication shall be administered only upon the written order of a physician or upon a verbal order noted in the patient's medical records and subsequently signed by the physician. The attending physician shall review regularly the drug regimen of each patient under the physician's care and shall monitor any symptoms or harmful side effects. Prescriptions for psychotropic medications shall be written with a termination date not exceeding 30 days thereafter, but may be renewed.

(b) During the course of treatment, the responsible physician or psychologist or such person's designee shall reasonably consult with the patient or the patient's legal guardian and give consideration to the views the patient or legal guardian expresses concerning treatment and any alternatives, including views expressed in any wellness recovery action plan or psychiatric advance directive. No medication or other treatment may be administered to any voluntary patient without the patient's consent or the consent of such patient's legal guardian.

(c) Consent for medical or surgical treatments not intended primarily to treat a patient's mental disorder shall be obtained in accordance with applicable law.

(d) Whenever a patient receiving treatment pursuant to this act objects to taking any medication prescribed for psychiatric treatment, and after full explanation of the benefits and risks of such medication such objection continues, the medication may be administered over the patient's objection. Such objection shall be recorded in the patient's medical record.

(e) In no case shall experimental medication be administered without the patient's consent, which consent shall be obtained in accordance with K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 59-29c12(a)(6), and amendments thereto.

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